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Tories have to mind the NDP's Manners

MARTHA PERKINS
Editor

Earl Manners may be new to the riding but, as the man who wants to represent the people of Haliburton-Victoria-Brock as the new NDP candidate, he's already known to most voters.

On television screens, in newspaper articles and in radio reports, Manners has been the outspoken voice of the Ontario Secondary School Teachers Federation since 1995. And the Tory government's education reforms have given him a lot to talk about.

But rather than put his name in for another two-year term as president at the OSSTF convention in March, Manners is branching into a new area of politics.

He's the first candidate to come forward with his desire to win the riding for the NDP in the next provincial election.

"I live in Lindsay now and this is a good way to participate in the community," the 48-year-old says. "Given all my experience in provincial politics at Queen's Park, I thought it was a good time to continue my public service."

Manners and his partner, Val Pethick, bought a house in Lindsay in July. Pethick grew up in Woodville, where her father was involved in municipal politics, and has lived in the riding all of her life. She is a

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DARREN LUM/Echo

Celebrate!

Jennifer Paton cheers on Hannah Klose after the four-year-old skied under the obstacle course's limbo pole during Saturday's celebration of the end of another successful Jackrabbit program at Glebe Park. More photos are page 10.

Three plows slide off road after ice storm

MARTHA PERKINS
Editor

A snow plow driver from Highlands East was badly shaken up but uninjured when his massive truck slid down an icy road and rolled over onto the top of its cab in the ditch.

It was one of three accidents which claimed a municipal truck in Tuesday's treacherous ice storm. Highlands East, Dysart et al and Minden Hills all lost a truck due to the dangerous driving conditions.

"The chains just wouldn't hold the truck," says Highlands East Roads Superintendent Barry Dunford said of the Tuesday afternoon accident near Highland Grove.

What made the ordeal even scarier for the driver was that snow packed against the windows of the cab, leaving the upside-down driver in the darkness. "It crushed the cab down pretty good," Dunford says.

The driver used his truck radio to phone in the emergency and then had to break the passenger side window and crawl out through the snow to get free. He was taken to hospital but had no major injuries and was shortly released.

"It's scary when you hear someone on the radio in a panic," Dunford says. He's very relieved the driver was not injured.

The truck is a write-off and was removed by a Peterborough wrecking firm on

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CHRONOLOGY OF AN ICE STORM

MARTHA PERKINS
Editor

Here's what drivers across the county had to cope with according to the records kept by Minden weather watcher Phil Graham.

Monday, February 3

- the highest the mercury reaches all day is -5°
- the storm starts at 8:45 p.m. with ice pellets and freezing rain

Tuesday, February 4

- at 3 a.m. the temperature is -2° and the freezing rain starts to turn into rain
- Graham notes that all the problems, such as power outages, start between 3 and 5 a.m. There's at least a quarter-inch of ice covering everything.
- at 5 a.m., it's still raining heavily and the temperature remains just below freezing
- at 7 a.m. it's still raining. The temperature reaches 1°. Ice on the trees starts to melt but

there's still lots of ice on the roads

- at 9 a.m. the rain finally ends. Graham is astounded when he realizes that 30 mm of rain/rain equivalent has fallen. Is that a lot, he's asked. "You better believe it," he says.
- at 11 a.m. it starts to snow, but the wind picks up and temperatures start to drop.
- by 5 p.m., the temperature's dropped to -7°. The high of the day was 1.5°.



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news and events worth noting

LAST WEEK the History Channel came a-calling to Michael Barnes' house in Haliburton. They were interviewing him about one of the most tragic bush fires in Canadian history. The Matheson fire in northern Ontario killed 243 people in 1916 and Barnes had told its story in his 1987 book, *Killer in the Bush*. This past winter, the author has researched and written two books, both similar in format. One is *Kirkland Lake: A Northern Ontario Gold Town* and offers 200 historic photographs of the famous mining community. The other is *Haliburton: Memories of Past Years*, which includes many historic photos of the area. Both will be published in the spring. Meanwhile, some of Barnes' other books – for which he was awarded the Order of Canada – are to be placed on the University of Calgary web site under the Canadian Local History Program. Congratulations!

Do you need a sign of spring? How about a beautiful crocus? The Canadian National Institute for the Blind is selling the flowers as part of its annual fundraiser. Watch for its enthusiastic and dedicated volunteers at Haliburton IGA, Haliburton V & S and Minden Home Hardware on February 13 and 14 – just

in time for Valentine's Day. Pots are \$4 each or three for \$10.

Due to bad weather last week, the Haliburton, Kawartha, Pine Ridge District Health Unit was unable to host a public meeting about two new family health initiatives it is planning in Haliburton County. The information meeting is now rescheduled for Tuesday, February 11, at 7 pm, at the Health Unit's Haliburton office (One York Lane, top floor). The meeting will outline new initiatives that promote healthy child development and reduce rates of family abuse in the area. Local residents can also find out more about how they can become involved. Call (705) 324-3569, ext. 304, for further details.

The provincial government has just introduced a comprehensive Guide to Programs and Services for Seniors in Ontario. It covers a wide range of programs and services throughout the province, including program and service information from all levels of government and a wide variety of seniors' service providers. To request a copy call toll-free 1-888-910-1999, TTY 1-800-387-5559 or by visiting www.gov.on.ca/citizenship/seniors.

If it will warm you up to think of spring, Buckhorn is hosting Maplefest on the weekends of March 15 and 16, 22 and 23, and 29 to 30. There are sugar bus tours, horse-drawn hay rides, live music, maple syrup and sugar demonstrations, baking, pony rides and a kids corral. It's at McLean Berry Farm, 1 km east of Hwy 503 at Curve Lake Road. Go to www.mcleanberryfarm.com



SHERYL LOUCKS/Echo

Ice cascades

The ice storm may have made for treacherous driving conditions, but it was a photographer's delight. This photo was taken near Haliburton's Four Corners.

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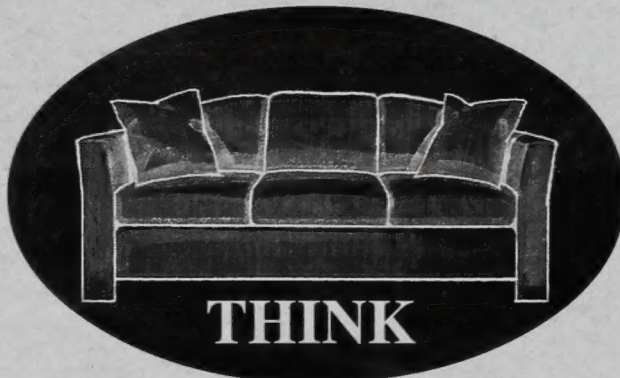
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Keep backpacks in your locker, HHSS students told

SHERYL LOUCKS

Staff Reporter

There was more shoulder room in Haliburton Highlands Secondary School after a new policy went into effect last week banning backpacks and winter coats from classrooms.

After one week of the new policy, students have adapted really well to the change, says Vice-principal Irv Sternberg, who says he has had only one student complaint and that was from Charles Taylor.

Taylor has written a letter to the editor containing his arguments which focus on the usefulness of taking backpacks to classes and his objection to the new policy being put in place without student consultation.

Sternberg says staff strongly expressed their desire for the policy at the January 29 Professional Activity Day and that administration agreed with the need. The policy went into effect the next week on February 3.

Sternberg says that, while there is a valid opinion that students should be consulted, he believes that, since the decision was made based on issues of health, safety and theft, the staff opinion would bear more weight than the students' and the policy would have been enacted regardless of how the students felt.

The impact of the policy was immediately evident, says Sternberg, with far easier flow of students in the hallways. He explained there are approximately 750 students at a school designed for 500 so hallways are already congested. When you add a large number of students wearing backpacks there was a lot of bumping, knocking into each other and shoulder rubbing.

That is one aspect of the safety concern.

The staff were also concerned, he says, because of the numbers of kids tripping over bags in classroom aisles.

"Some staff already had classroom rules. Then you have a situation where packs had to be left in the hall, with the classroom door closed, and then you have a concern over theft. We don't want that, we want our students to feel secure," says Sternberg.

Another factor is health and Sternberg says researchers have repeatedly shown children, including teenagers, carry too much weight in backpacks when they are placed on one shoulder as they are often carried. Four or five subjects' worth of textbooks and binders is a very heavy load.

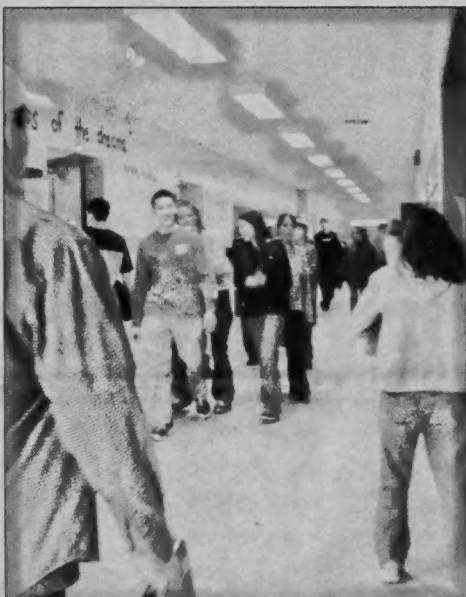
He explained the transition has been smooth. On the first day he went around to all of the first period classes to check and see if students, who had been informed of the new rules a few days earlier, were following

the policy.

"There were only six students (not following the policy). How wonderful are our students? What great school citizens," he says.

Students are also more prompt, Sternberg says, because they are forced to think about what they need from their locker instead of guessing or presuming it is in their bag and then having to run back to their locker. He says classes also end and start punctually because less time is taken up by students packing or unpacking bags.

As for winter coats, Sternberg says the heat is monitored in the school and no one should need a coat to stay warm. Students attending classes in portables are allowed to take their coats and for the last period of the day may also take their backpacks so it is easier for them to go from the portable to catch buses.



The absence of backpacks and winter coats in the halls of HHSS leaves more room for students in overcrowded halls.



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Now that's an amaryllis

At Christmas, Eagle Lake resident Evelyn Morgan was given a small amaryllis plant from the agent of her son-in-law, Barrie Wood. Last week she was amazed when eight beautiful pink and white flowers began to bloom. The plant sits on a table in her south-facing living room, soaking up the sun's rays and obviously loving every minute of brightness. She's never had an amaryllis that's put on such an extraordinary display.

What do you think about nuisance bears? Let the MNR know

The Nuisance Bear Review Committee is seeking written submissions from the public on all aspects of nuisance bear management.

Since beginning work in November 2002, the committee has released its terms of reference and has worked with Ministry of Natural Resources staff on the topic of black bear biology and other issues related to the nuisance bear problem in Ontario.

"Now it is important that we hear from the public on this very important initiative," said Committee Chair Royal Poulin. "The committee will conduct a thorough review of all the public submissions we receive and will offer our considered advice to the minister."

The committee is mandated to review the biology, literature, and geographic and socio-economic factors related to nuisance bear problems in Ontario. In

addition, it is looking at the effects on municipalities and comparing the effects of bear hunting from jurisdictions across Canada and the United States.

Interested members of the public can send written submissions to the committee until March 31, 2003. Further information about the Committee is available at <http://nuisancebear.mnr.gov.on.ca>. Comments can be sent to Royal Poulin, Chair, Nuisance Bear Review Committee,

3rd Floor North Tower, 300 Water St., Peterborough, Ontario, K9J 8M5, or by e-mail to nuisancebear@mnr.gov.on.ca

In addition to Chair Royal Poulin, the committee members include Glenn Witherspoon, Mayor of Fort Frances; John Knight, Professor, Wildlife Department, Sir Sandford Fleming College; and Dr. Martyn Obbard, Ministry of Natural Resources, nationally renowned bear biologist.

Omeme man challenges Scott's Tory bid

JERRY GROZELLE

Staff Reporter

Paul Lummiss is seeking the Progressive Conservative nomination to represent the Haliburton-Victoria-Brock riding in the next provincial election.

"I believe you should have a choice," the Omeme resident said.

He said his rival for the nomination, Laurie Scott, is more of a centrist, while he offers a different point of view. "I am a bit more to the right," he said.

Lummiss is no stranger to politics. He served a term on Emily Township council. He also worked on the last three provincial Progressive Conservative election campaigns which were successful in getting Chris Hodgson elected. He said the riding has been extremely fortunate to have been represented by Hodgson for the past eight years. He thinks it is important to keep in touch with the grassroots, something he said Hodgson did very well and which he said he would continue if he is elected.

"I'm familiar with the local issues," he said.

Lummiss said he believes there must be a relationship between the different levels of government, from municipal to federal.

Healthcare, Lummiss acknowledges, is foremost in most people's minds. He is happy to see that the provinces and the federal government seem to be working together more co-operatively to provide healthcare services.

"We need to provide healthcare services in a timely and economical fashion," Lummiss said. "The provincial government is spending almost \$26-billion a year on health care alone."

Another issue which Lummiss said is important, especially over the long term, is hydro. "We have to get the hydro issue under control," he said. "Ontario will have to be self-sufficient in the production of hydro power."

He said decisions will have to be made

how to accomplish hydro self-sufficiency – whether to expand nuclear generating stations or pursue other alternatives. He favours using water-powered generation stations as much as possible, by investi-

gating the viability of putting some of the smaller generating stations which have been closed back into service. "A lot of the small hydro dams have been shut down and I'd like to look at re-opening them," he said.

He also thinks the city of Toronto is missing an opportunity by spending millions of dollars transporting its garbage

to Michigan when it could open an incinerator and use that garbage to generate electricity. He said the technology that is available today would make thermal electricity generation a viable alternative to nuclear.

"We know what it costs to buy hydro from outside sources," he said. "Why

not use an incinerator to generate power? I think it's a doable thing."

Transportation, and specifically roads, are also a priority for Lummiss. He believes a good roads system is very important to the province's economy.

Lummiss said he is very happy with the performance of the provincial Progressive Conservative Party. "Ontario has had extremely good government the past eight years," he said. "I want to see it continue."

He is critical of other parties that offer their solutions to various issues the province faces. He said when the Tories were elected, they inherited a huge debt from governments that weren't as fiscally responsible as they should have been.

On the employment front, Lummiss said, "More people are working in Ontario now than ever before."

He said he would make it a priority to "stay in tune with the grass roots."

The provincial riding association will vote on a replacement for Hodgson this Saturday, February 15, at I.E. Weldon Secondary School in Lindsay. Registration is from noon to 1:30.

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Haliburton business becomes county's first block parent

SHERYL LOUCKS

Staff Reporter

The Co-operators of Haliburton have become the first Block Parent in the village and in the county.

Marianne Macbride, chairman of the Ontario Block Parents Program, says having businesses become Block Parents is a new aspect of the program. She says Co-operators across Ontario have agreed to take on the new role of looking out for citizens.

The program originated 35 years ago in London, Ontario, after a child was abducted and murdered. The Women's Jewish League partnered with schools and police to create what has become the Block Parent program. Residents pass police checks and post a sign in their window to let children know they can go to that house as a safe place if they are injured or scared.

Block Parents have since spread across Canada. Macbride explained with the increase of two parents working in a family, there has been a decline of residential participation as there is often no one home during the day. This has sparked the need for business Block Parents since they are open and could be a refuge for children.

Macbride says the intention is that anyone in trouble, who may be injured, need shelter from extreme weather, experiencing an auto breakdown, need to use a telephone or require assistance can go to a business Block Parent for help.

In Haliburton, she is hoping that the Co-operators will inspire more interest in the program. She says often people from Haliburton County will call interested in volunteering as a Block Parent but what she needs is a local coordinator to distribute signs, train volunteers, and educate local students in the school about the program. She has not been successful in convincing anyone to take on that role yet.

Gordon Abel, from Co-operators, says he is also hoping they will be the nucleus for a community initiative. He explained his staff was pleased to take on this role and have all passed police screening and the office was cleared by a Block Parent inspection as being accessible, well lit, with a window and visible to the public.

"I think kids are important and we felt this was something we could do to help," says Abel.

Anyone interested in more information about the program can call Macbride at 1-800-563-2771 or e-mail gmgcm.macbride@sympatico.ca.



The Co-operators are the first block parent volunteers in Haliburton County. Located at the intersection of York St. and Hwy. 118 East, the office provides the service for children and adults. Pictured are (l-r) sales associate Wonetta Bartholomew, service representative Tammy Warburton, and agent Gordon Abel.

Motorcyclist charged with careless driving

Police have laid charges against a motorcyclist who was riding ahead of a fellow motorcyclist who was killed in an accident on Hwy 121 near Payne's Road on October 6.

Several motorcyclists had banded together for a ride on the beautiful autumn Sunday. The rider who was charged, a 36-year-old man from

Toronto, had just overtaken a car at a high rate of speed when Armond Hambarchian attempted to do the same. Hambarchian, however, hit an oncoming car and was thrown off his motorcycle. He died at the scene.

Police concluded their investigation last week by charging the 36-year-old Toronto man with careless driving.

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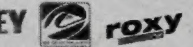
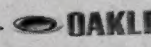
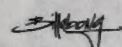
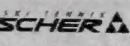
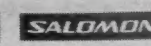
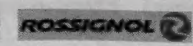
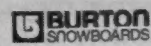
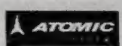
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Henwood Variety's ramp proposal turned down

SHERYL LOUCKS

Staff Reporter

Dysart et al council has denied Jim Henwood permission to build a wheelchair ramp to access Henwood's Variety in Haliburton because of fears of liability since the ramp would be going onto the sidewalk which is municipal property.

Henwood is expanding his Canada Post outlet and, in order to be compatible with the postal service, he wanted to make his store accessible. He hired a consultant to design a ramp in front of the store and took it to council in December.

"I would have bet the farm after walking out of the meeting that they were going to pass it. But a councillor got back to me and said they had turned it down," says Henwood.

He says one of the reasons given was that sidewalk snowplow blade would not fit between the ramp and the parking meters. Henwood says he usually clears the snow in front of his store anyway and does not understand why the plow can not just go around that section.

Another reason was that the weight of the cement ramp could damage the sidewalk.

"The councillor said if you do it, (build

a ramp) then everyone will want to, which I don't understand at all," says Henwood.

Tammy McKelvey, Dysart's Chief Administrative Officer, said council did not want to set a legal precedent for building on their property. She says it was suggested to Henwood that he build a ramp internally.

Henwood says that would take 15 to 20 feet of the inside of his store, requiring a huge expenditure. He would also have to move his front counter containing the lottery terminal and other equipment further down the store. He does not believe he can afford either the expense or the space.

He has contacted Canada Post and the Crown corporation has agreed to allow him to remain as a postal outlet so long as there are no complaints about accessibility - there have been none to date.

Henwood says since an article ran in the *Haliburton Echo* citing his intention to build a ramp, he has had several customers comment on it.

"I just want the public to know that the reason for not building the ramp is because it was turned down by council, not because I didn't want to do it," says Henwood.

Family Services plans to expand Haliburton office

MARTHA PERKINS

Editor

Family Services is looking forward to spring so it can begin building an addition onto its cramped quarters in Haliburton.

"We're cramped here," says executive director Fay Martin of the tight squeeze for the 26 staff members. "When you're hired you get a paycheque and a shoe horn to fit in."

There are two potential phases to the project.

In the first phase, some offices would be re-arranged and four offices would be built as a second storey at the front of the existing building.

The second phase would put an addition onto the back of the building.

The project, which will total \$180,000, will be paid for through rents charged to other agencies using the space.

One of those agencies is the Children's Aid Society. At present CAS workers are sharing the building and making use of Family Services' administrative services.

The CAS has yet to decide whether it will enter into a long-term lease. If that lease is signed by the end of March, Family Services will go ahead with its second phase of the expansion at the same time the first phase is being completed.

Other agencies which want to have office spaces with Family Services are Big Brothers and Big Sisters (staff are working out of their homes) and the volunteer community mediation program led by Chip Trueman.

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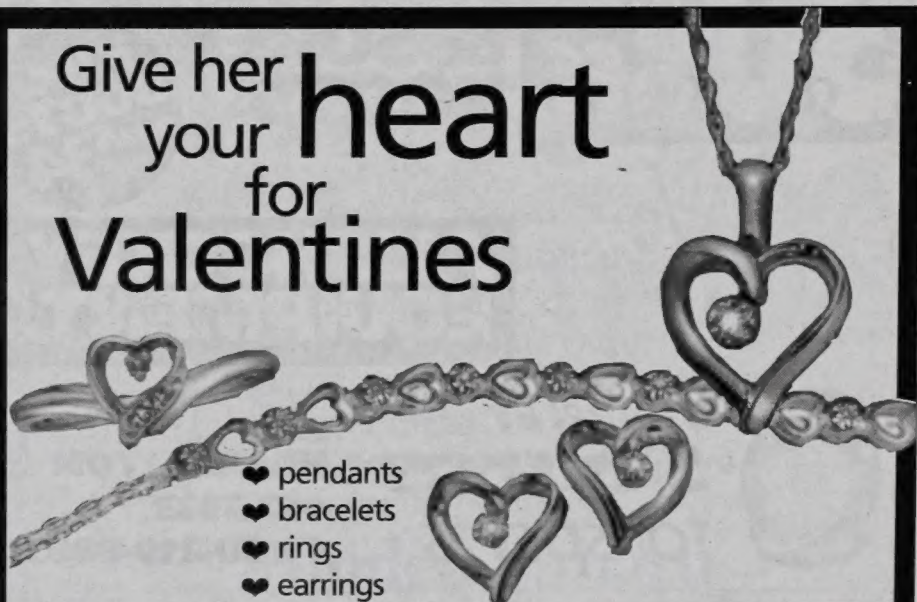
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Valentine's wishes on page 23

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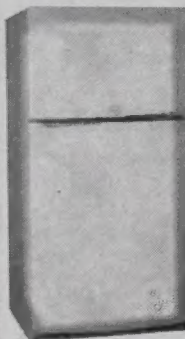
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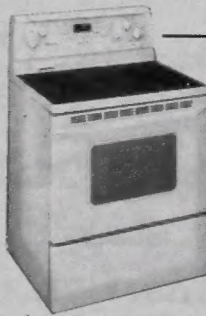
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What a race now

EARL MANNERS' decision not to run for another term as president of the Ontario Secondary School Teachers Federation and to turn his aspirations, instead, towards representing the people of Haliburton-Victoria-Brock at Queen's Park unquestionably adds a new dynamic to the next election.

Manners has lived in the riding for a scant six months but he's already known to most voters. He's been an aggressive and outspoken leader of the teachers' union and obviously revels in the Queen's Park power struggles.

But name recognition isn't all that it takes to win an election. Manners is going to carry the NDP banner in a historically right-of-centre riding. (The Tory and Alliance vote almost doubled that of the Liberals federally, but the split vote saw the Liberal MP return to the House of Commons.) This riding has elected only one NDPer,

Dennis Drainville, an Anglican priest who evoked the spirit of Tommy Douglas. Drainville was a powerful and persuasive speaker but he wasn't as strong on actions. If you phoned his constituency office you got an answering machine; his staff was "too busy" to answer the phone. After his cabinet aspirations were thwarted, it also appeared he lost heart, both in his party and in his job. He quit part way through his first mandate to run as an independent federally; he came fourth.

The riding also voted in a Liberal, John Eakins, a nice man who did a nice job in cabinet. Not the intellectual heavyweight that Drainville was, Eakins' strength was in his down-home, what-can-I-do-to-help personality. He served the Highlands better than his government did.

Retiring Tory MPP Chris Hodgson, who has the strengths of both Eakins and Drainville, always remained personally popular no matter what the peaks and valleys of his government's record. He worked incredibly hard for the riding, and got very big results.

People here tend to vote for the person as much as the party. In this way, Manners is a bigger threat to Liberal hopeful Jason Ward than Tory stalwart Laurie Scott. Manners steals much of Ward's thunder, and wields a lightning bolt with authority.

Can Manners prove that he wants to be MPP to serve the riding, not just his own desire to get to Queen's Park? Can Jason Ward persuade voters that although he has less experience than Manners, his party has a better chance of forming the next government? Can Laurie Scott build on her and Hodgson's personal popularity to overcome any bad feelings about the Tory government? Finding out will make life very interesting.

Slip sliding away

Hundreds of people simply decided to stay home last Tuesday rather than lace up a pair of skates to their car's tires and drive to work. It simply wasn't worth the anguish and risk. But what about the men whose job it is to plow and sand the roads for people who have no choice but to go to work, especially those who provide emergency services? Not only did they have to traverse the dangerous roads to drive in to work themselves, but sitting behind the wheel of a massive truck didn't make the job of safely negotiating ice-covered roads any easier.

Three municipalities lost trucks to the slippery conditions, a testament to how bad the roads really were. We are all to be grateful they attempted to plow and sand the roads in the first place, motivated by a strong sense of duty and responsibility. Whether we stayed put on Tuesday or had to brave the roads, we all owe them a



Ice maze

photo by SHERYL LOUCKS/Echo

There's hope for February

What is this world coming to?" is the oft-heard lament of so many - probably in every generation. These days it might seem to have more merit. Is the world truly "going to hell in a handbasket?"

Yes, war in the middle east and maybe elsewhere looms. Natural disasters in various regions are rarely out of the news. People commit horrific crimes against other people. We human beings lie, cheat, steal, apparently on an ever-increasing scale. Gangs roam city streets; turf wars erupt with increasing, almost predictable frequency. Teenagers are enticed to enter the mesmerizing realm of drug dependence.

The list goes on and on and on. Have we humans actually escalated our ability to inflict such misery on others, or could it be that being wired into the big wide world outside of ourselves we are succumbing to the frenetic and exaggerated rhetoric of the headline makers?

Perhaps February, that quiet month buried deep in winter, is a good time to try to give ourselves a less jaundiced view of life in our own little bailiwicks. From metropolis to hamlet our communities are filled with many caring adults and many eager young people. Most of the young, maybe with dress and manners and life styles somewhat different to those of their elders, will become responsible, contributing citizens. It has been ever thus.

Something significant, however, has occurred very gradually in the past hundred years or so to counteract this negative view of our world and its future. Just to recall the societal attitudes that for centuries held sway and now are unthinkable should help to disperse the pall with which the barrage of negative news blankets us.

Take education for example. For centuries - only for the privileged few. Even a hundred years ago a high school education was beyond

the reach of most. Today such is unthinkable. Our time, money, and energies are focused on attaining the goal of making even higher education available and affordable for all. That is an impressive advance with, as ever, much more to be done.

Examine the punishments we now dispense to those who have broken our laws. At least in most modern Western societies we no longer tar and feather the perpetrators, nor have them drawn and quartered and dragged through the streets, nor even have them hanged in public places. Hands are not cut off for thievery. The public appetite for such punishments has almost disappeared. A vengeful few, gathered at the prison gates in the U.S.A. awaiting news of an execution, seem like the last vestige of an archaic attitude. Perhaps reverence towards human life is tempering the desire for blood thirsty revenge.

Continuing poverty and homelessness plague our cities. To read the novels of the late 19th Century set in London, England's tenement districts fills us with a sense of shocking incredulity. Life was short, brutish, lived out in squalor, and so violent that even the police were hesitant to enter their precincts. We can be discouraged that there is so much yet to be done but we should be encouraged that our societies have progressed this far.

So many of our attitudes take generations to realign but at least one is only a couple of decades old and is immensely impressive. That is our attitude to drinking and driving. Twenty years ago who could have imagined that the term "designated driver" would not only enter our lexicon but would become the norm. A few grieving mothers, an idea, an organization that then almost snowballed into acceptance, has given us not only an acronym - MADD - but also a powerful concept that should give hope to any February day buried deep in winter.



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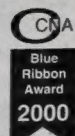
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Heart broken

IT WAS A VALENTINE'S DAY like any other, dawning dark, cold, and bleak with the whiff of utter humiliation hanging heavy in the air. Ravens and other carrion-eating birds circled high overhead, blacking out the sun, and a feeling of irrevocable dread overtook all sentient beings - my sister being the sole exception.

My brother and I woke that morning wearing the condemned looks reserved for men who have endured too much time on death row or too many shopping excursions with their wives. For, on that morning, we had resigned ourselves to the fact that we'd have to go into class and hand out Valentine's cards to everyone - even the girls.

Of course, to an eight-year-old boy, they weren't just cards, they were letters of doom bearing sappy sentiments penned by heartless poets - each one illustrated with cute animals hugging each other for purposes of innocent affection rather than life or death struggle. Even the accompanying hearts, of which there were many, were not beating and pumping out a steady stream of blood and gore as any eight-year-old boy would have preferred. No sir, they were shiny, cheery red, and often emblazoned with powerful, graphic

messages like "Honey, will you Bee my Valentines" or "Bear with me, Valentine!"

It was sick.

To this day, my brother and I only speak of it in hushed whispers around dark camp fires when the boys need a good horror story. Most times they make us stop halfway through.

I can't remember the first time anyone broke the news to me about Valentine's Day but I'd bet you a dozen fluorescent night-crawlers that it wasn't my dad.

tales from



steve
galea

vinegar hill

He wasn't that malicious. More than that he was a man's man. Therefore he kept a low profile from early February until the Ides of March when Valentine's Day was merely a cruel, painful and distant memory.

No, if I know anything at all, I'd lay blame squarely on my sister for this. Toni was two years older and, like all big sisters, she was placed on this earth solely to inflict torment on her little brothers. Martin and I could never understand why. Once, while we were stuffing a rubber worm down her toothpaste tube, he and I had a long chat about it. Even so, we never could come up with any good reason to explain her mean streak and hairpin nerves.

It remains a mystery even to this day.

"Valentine's Day is coming soon," she announced one day with genuine joy and a sincere smile.

The very fact that this brought her happiness was more than enough to set us on edge.

"What's that?" I asked nervously.

"It's a day where girls and boys give each other nice cards and candy and confess how much they love each other," she cooed.

Severe retching sounds followed. Much like the kind she made when she used her toothpaste later that evening.

"Is it some sort of punishment?" I asked between violent gags.

"No, everybody has to do it. It's the law."

Of course, it wasn't the law, but it might as well have been.

Shortly after, my mother and sister had dragged us out to their favourite department store to pick out those horrible cards that would be used to seal our fate. The fact that the signing of these cards occurred on the 13th was not lost on us either. With mother looking over us, we surrendered our signatures in a manner vaguely reminiscent of the Treaty of Versailles.

On that next horrible morning, I found myself in class early, hoping to weasel out of my predicament by open and honest dialogue with my teacher. But somehow, it all went wrong.

"You don't really have leprosy, do you Steve?" she asked after I had made my dramatic opening plea.

What I wouldn't have given for a finger to fall off just then.

"Some days are better than others," I replied coughing from under my hood. "I wouldn't take the chance if I were you. Maybe I ought to go home right now."

On that day I learned that there is no trust in this world. Not only did she make me stay but she also appointed me as the Valentine mailman for the whole school. Which wouldn't have been so bad if not for that dumb Cupid costume.

Talk about the slings and arrows of outrageous fortune.

But all that's in the past now. It's merely a childhood memory that recurs in my dreams and wakes me up in a cold and clammy sweat each and every night.

Now thirty-something years later, Valentine's Day is almost upon us once again and I'm wondering just one thing. When exactly is the Ides of March?



pic of the past

During a well-deserved break from their jobs at the Carnarvon Laundry in August, 1956, these women, all from the Eagle Lake area, pose for a picture. They are, from left: Elsie McColl, Gladys Winters, Thelma Trotter, Mrs. Marshall, Barbara Barry, Janet McKay and Marlin Upton. Today the building is home to the Millpond Restaurant. Our thanks to the late Mrs. McColl's granddaughter, Sylvia Holland of Lake Kashagawigamog, for sharing the photo with us.

letters to the editor

Is this really 2003? Road crews praised

To the Editor:

I just wanted to clarify about Henwood Variety's request for approval for plans to build a wheelchair ramp. Unfortunately the request was denied by council.

In the council notes, as reported in the Jan. 14 edition of the *Haliburton Echo*, it said plans had been approved in principle, but I was informed the next day that the request had been turned down.

Therefore I am unable to become "barrier free/wheelchair accessible" at this time. Sometimes it's hard to believe we are in the 2000s in this municipality.

Jim Henwood
Henwood's Variety

To The Editor:

Winter in Haliburton is terrific. More cottagers are discovering it every year, and it is due to the great work done by the people that look after the roads that has made it so accessible to all of us. This is especially so for us at Percy Lake. Access to our places require traversing some very steep and potentially dangerous hills. We are all able to count on the snow plows, and sanding trucks, to keep this safe and accessible, even in the worst of weather.

Thanks to all responsible.

Harry Winder and friends
Percy Lake

More letters are on page 22

Boonieville by Charlie Teljeur





Josh Mayhew was one-fifth of the winning HHSS Nordic junior boys team at the Kawartha Championship held at the Glebe Park. See page 12 for results and photos.



Red Hawks forward Ryan Wood, on a forecheck, upends a Crestwood Mustang defenseman in the offensive zone during the second-last game of the season last week at home.

Playoff hopes rest with Kenner Rams

The Red Hawks' hockey team is praying for a win by the Kenner Rams to get into the playoffs.

The playoffs hang in the balance after the Hawks tied the Fenelon Falls Falcons last week. For an automatic playoff berth the Red Hawks needed to beat the Falcons, but a 2-2 tie has complicated the situation.

Earning the tie alone was a testament to the team's character.

Down by two goals with less than three minutes to play, Red Hawks Captain Joel Cooper scored with minutes on the clock to get within one goal. Cooper was assisted by Brandon Logan and Justin Abbs. Seconds left in the game, with HHSS goalie Andrew Sachs on the bench, the Red Hawks tied things up from hard-checking forward Joel Johnson.

Despite these heroics the team's fate rests in the hands of the Kenner Rams who played the LCVI Spartans on Monday, Feb. 10. Due to the standings, the Rams must win to allow the Red Hawks to enter the playoffs and in the event of a tie, goal differential would be calculated.

Coach Ron Yake said his team has played the top teams competitively, losing five of seven games by one goal. He believes the Red Hawks have a great chance for success in the playoffs.

If the Red Hawks were to make the playoffs they would play two games this week.

In a home game earlier in the week against the Crestwood Mustangs the Red Hawks appeared to have the playoffs in sight. It wasn't meant to be. With the game knotted 3-3 the Red Hawks were penalized, giving the Mustangs a power play that they made good on for the winning goal with under five minutes to play.

Outshot for the entire game, 37 to 23, the Red Hawks couldn't find the equalizer in this game and lost 4-3.

Jackrabbit celebrates with friends



The conclusion of the fun and educational six-week Jackrabbit cross-country skiing program ended with the annual year end celebration at the Glebe Park from 1:30 p.m. to 3 p.m. on Saturday, Feb. 9. All ages were represented at the event as toddlers and preteens made the most of the cold weather by skiing.

Bantam AE readying

SHARON WALKER

Special to the Echo

The Peppermill Bantam AE played a couple of exhibition games while awaiting to play their second round of playoffs.

In Ops the Storm found themselves down 2-0 in the first five minutes of the game, but going into the second defencemen Jon Petch carried the puck up with much confidence and passed it over to Sherri Walker who dumped it in; Zac Pearson picked it up and tugged it in to put us on the board.

The Flames came back to score another to make it 3-1. Confusion in front of the Flames' net allowed Kenton Winn to slap one in, breaking his stick to make it 3-2, assisted by Devin Hunter and James Roberts. The Flames scored again to go ahead two goals.

Third frame was the Storm putting out the Flames. A great passing play from Devin Hunter to Kenton Winn meant Roberts had no problem sneaking one by to make it 4-3.

Derek Nesbitt back on defence intercepted a pass, stepped into the high slot and let a shot go that bulged the twine to tie the game 4-4.

Billy Kulus was brought up to play this game – great game Billy!!!

Ops came to Haliburton the following Sunday to play again. Again the Flames scored first early in the first but Roberts scored assisted by Brittany Hicks.

Ops scored two more goals in the second and it wasn't until the third period that the Storm came out and scored five goals to win the game.

The snipers in the third were Walker with two, Winn, Brittany Hicks, and Tyler Watson with singles and assists going to Hicks, Roberts, Nesbitt and Kyle Fry.

The play of game had to be when Winn and Walker were skating up the ice. Walker passed it over to Winn. Spectators thought he was going to blister the puck by the Flames' goalie but he smoothly passed it over to Walker and she put it in the net. Final score 6-5 Storm!

Novice A team keep their heads up

PATTI TALLMAN

Special to the Echo

The Rowden Building Novice A Team played in Campbellford on Friday February 7 for game 3 of their round robin.

They played the game working hard to keep the passes consistent and maintain control of the puck. The game proved to be very exciting, with each player hungry for the win. They played the puck covering the surface from end to end. They back checked like it was a walk in the park getting the puck away from the opposing team.

DJ Howorko started the scoring off with a quick goal unassisted. Moments later DJ scored another assisted by Brett Yake.

The second period started with Ryan Hunter scoring and Brett Yake and Dillon Upton assisting. DJ scored another for a hat trick assisted by Stephan Schollig. The team pressed on and kept control of the passing with Stephan Schollig scoring, assisted by Samantha Tallman and Marlee Gadway.

The third period came and the team remained very enthusiastic. Campbellford persisted, not letting up and came up with a goal early in the third. DJ came right back and scored another assisted by Dillon Upton. DJ

was hot on the puck and popped another quick one in assisted by Dillon Upton and Brett Yake.

They were on fire and remained in control, Stephan Schollig scored unassisted and got in another moments later assisted by Cole Rowden.

Campbellford didn't let up even right to the very end of the game coming up with two more quick goals. The final score was 9-3 for this mighty Storm team.

Rob Lewis played awesome in goal as usual, being put to the test several times. This was a fine example of great family entertainment.

On defense Mark Dobey, Ryan Hunter, Cole Rowden and Samantha Tallman kept the puck in line, dumping it up the boards. The offensive players Brett Yake, DJ Howorko, Marlee Gadway, Dillon Upton, Stephan Schollig and Mike Mazara picked up the puck coming off the boards.

Playoff schedule

Game 4: Feb. 16 in Haliburton vs Belleville @ 12:30pm

Game 5: Feb. 22 in Ennismore @ 12:00pm

Game 6: Feb 23 in Haliburton vs Campbellford @ 11:00am

The team is grateful for the support of the fans and hope you are able to come to their next home game.



Highland Storm playoff schedule

Midget AE vs Ennismore

Feb 11 8:30 Minden
Feb 21 8:30 Haliburton
Feb 23 4:30 Haliburton

Midget A vs Ennismore

Feb 16 6:30 Minden
Feb 22 7:30 Minden

Novice A

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Nordic strength



Top: Sean Keaney skies up a hill.
Top right: Jr boys team
Far right: Josh Wright casts a long shadow.
Right: Lesley Pearsell tucks for speed.
Above: JDHES athlete David Wright starts his race.



Strong finishes by all five members of the Junior boys team earned a top placing for the team. (l-r) Josh Mayhew, Max Creelman, Mike Flowers, and Myles Nicholson.



HHSS Nordic Kawartha Championships

With frigid temperatures, well into the negative 20s, the competition was a fierce as the weather for the Haliburton Highlands Secondary School Nordic team members who are: Karen Cox-Gurden, Laura Stouffer, Josh Mayhew, Mike Flowers, Myles Nicholson, Sean Keaney, Max Creelman, Andrea Lindenberg, Lesley Pearsell, Matt Allore, Josh Wales and Kyle Thompson. There were more than 100 competitors from schools such as Lakefield Secondary School and Holy Trinity. Top placings by Sean Keaney with a third and the first place finish by the junior boys team could be a sign of future successes. The Glebe Park will be host again this week for the COSSA championships on Wednesday.

Midget Girls

Laura Stouffer 4th
Karen Cox-Gurden 5th

Jr Boys

Sean Keaney 3rd
Josh Mayhew 8th
Myles Nicholson 9th
Max Creelman 10
Mike Flowers 19th
Jr Boys team 1st

Sr Girls

Lesley Pearsell 7th
Andrea Lindenberg 13th

Sr Boys

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Evinrude Ski-doo Supertrax Team's Matt Turner breaks out

Luke and A.J. Lester experience injury while Matt Turner goes one, three, eight in semi-pro!

The Canadian Snocross Racing Association's (CSRA) Regional Championship series landed in Barrie, Ontario last weekend to huge crowds, tons of snow and mild temperatures. This was a double header weekend featuring both the CSRA and the American Snowcross Racing Association (ASRA) circuits in a combined format.

Luke Lester, Canada's current CSRA National #1 Title holder started off the weekend in strong form running wire-to-wire in 600 and Open class qualifying with a strong first in 600 and a fifth in Open. Steve Charity had worked all week since Owen Sound to improve the hole shot capabilities of Luke's Ski-doo Rev 440's and came up with an incredible combination which suited all three team members. As the day's qualifying wore on, temperatures soared to near plus 5 C making the deep snow heavy and robbing power - particularly in 440

action. Luke during a hard fought 440 qualifier, while running fourth, made an attempt to clear a dangerous gap jump and came short. Upon landing he injured his knee which was tender from a last lap incident the week before in Owen Sound when he won the Georgian Cup Pro Open Final. Luke was sidelined for the rest of the weekend and is having his knee repaired today in Barrie. With a two week lay-off until the next race, Luke is hopeful he'll be ready to return to racing quickly. Luke had this to say: "Coming into Barrie, I'm leading the CSRA's Regional standings and I want to defend my National Title. You can bet I'll be working hard to get back to racing quickly".

A.J. Lester, the current CSRA Semi-Pro Champ was totally on his game this weekend and proved it by sweeping CSRA Pro Class qualifying motos. In seven qualifying motos for Pro 440, 600 and Open, A.J. nailed four decisive victories handily beating every Pro driver on multiple occasions. A.J. and his Steve

Charity tuned Rev 440 off the line with the aggressive and reflexive hole shot response he is known for. It became immediately clear A.J. was the Pro rider to watch. A.J.'s Rev Open Mod was so dominant, in a stacked qualifier featuring the fastest Pro's, he simply pulled away and won by a convincing margin. With the stage set for final round action, A.J. left the start in the Pro 600 Final only to get tangled in a first turn melee. Not the least unnerved, A.J. was seventh after lap one. As the pack continued to sort out, A.J. used new lines to advance all the way to third by the checkers. No other Pro class rider matched A.J.'s 43 second lap times. Only a lack of laps kept him from winning the race. After this ride, A.J. had one more 440 qualifying moto. Again, he gated strong, leaving the first turn in third. Doubling the huge front straight jump A.J. pounced into the lead, pulling away again from the best in the CSRA for the fourth time. In an unfortunate turn of events, as A.J. crossed the finish line and took the checkers, he

impacted the gas cap on his sled, injuring his knee cap. Obviously, this precluded A.J. from racing the Pro Open and Pro 440 finals, which he had Qualified #1. A.J. was disappointed but philosophical. With a two week lay-off and his knee healing, he will be working hard to get back to racing as soon as possible.

Matt Turner, the Evinrude/Ski-Doo/Supertrax Super Team's Semi-Pro racer from Bonfield, Ontario had another incredible weekend. Qualifying strong all weekend, Matt grabbed front row status in both Semi-Pro 600 and 500. In Semi-Pro 600 Matt backed up his Owen Sound second with a third at the checkers. In Semi-Pro Open, Steve Charity set-up Like's Open Mod and Matt ran a strong eighth from the back row. In Semi-Pro 500, Matt pulled a huge hole shot and checked out on the 14 rider field. This was Matt's first Semi-Pro win this season and no doubt, the first of many. Matt is decisively one of the CSRA's fastest Semi-Pro's and is maturing and improving weekly.

Peewee A team reaches early retirement

PATTI TALLMAN

Special to the Echo

The Gary Burtch Construction PeeWee A team played their final game of the playoffs on Saturday February 8 in Ennismore. They rose to the occasion with great enthusiasm meeting Ennismore at center ice for some very exciting hockey. Both teams had the sense of eagerness and the drive to play. The Storm passed the puck but Ennismore was very dominating staying just one step ahead of them.

Ennismore started the scoring and came up with four goals spaced out over the first period. The Storm regrouped for the second period and had opportunities for shots but couldn't buy a goal at that point. They played back and forth, covering the ice from end to end and holding Ennismore off from getting any more goals.

In the third period the Storm came out hungry for the puck. They had ample shots on net but again they just couldn't get it by the Ennismore goalie. Late in the third period Matt Eno made a nice play and popped the puck in for a beauty goal. This seemed to give the guys a little more to hope for. They pulled out all the stops and the lines pushed full speed ahead. The guys had some beauty passes and some awesome shots but to no avail, they couldn't come up with another. The game ended with a score 4-1 for Ennismore.

The team ended its season a little sooner than they anticipated I'm sure, but that's hockey. You never know which way the game will go.

They played the year with two awesome goalies who

were totally devoted to the game of hockey. Paddy Manuge and Nathan Woodcock played their hearts out every game, blocking some shots that I know I wouldn't care to stand behind. They never backed down at any given point showing how dedicated to the team they were. They both should be very proud of the job they did playing goal for this season of hockey.

Each of the players were as dedicated to each other as the parents were to their kids. The players showed up for all the games longing to play. The parents loved watching their kids do what they wanted to do - play hockey. They provided the parents with some great hometown hockey entertainment. All 15 players should be proud and happy for their accomplishments. Congratulations to a job well done boys!

The team players: Paddy Manuge and Nathan Woodcock in goal, Collin Callaghan, Steven Miscio, Lane Schmid, Todd Simms on defence and the offensive players-Derek Carpenter, Matt Eno, Brady Hicks, Robby Hicks, Robert Lowes, Davis Reynolds, Jesse Tallman and Chace Thurston. On the bench Greg Carpenter - Coach, Bob Woodcock - Assistant Coach, Mark Eno - Trainer, George Schmid - Manager and Ron Callaghan - Manager.

The coaching staff was supportive of each of the players, giving the team endless hours of volunteer time for the whole season. It was a very exciting year of hockey and gave the team the opportunity to explore parts of Ontario some of the families had not yet seen. The team may play some exhibition games over the next month so watch for the announcement when you can go to the arena and watch some more home town hockey.

\$1,900 fine for hunting violations

Three Ontario men have been fined \$1,910 on charges related to illegal deer hunting.

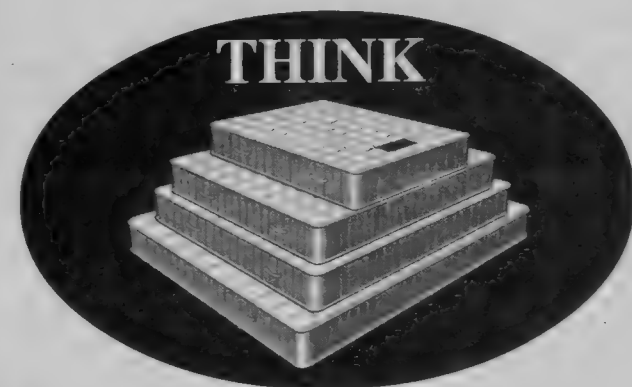
Livio Ottogalli, 57, of Bolton, Ontario has been fined \$1,000 for hunting an antlerless deer without a validation tag and \$500 for transporting wildlife unlawfully possessed - both violations under the Fish and Wildlife Conservation Act. Andrew Ottogalli, 25, of North York, Ontario, and Franco Parravani, 42, of Udora, Ontario, have each been fined \$205 for possessing illegally killed wildlife.

Livio Ottogalli shot an antlerless white-tailed deer during the fall deer hunt in 2002, while he was a member of a hunt camp adjacent to Victoria County Forest. He did not have a licence to take an antlerless deer in that Wildlife Management Unit (WMU). After the deer was shot, Ottogalli and the other two men transported the deer to a cottage in another WMU, where it was tagged.

Ministry of Natural Resources Minden Area Conservation Officers checked the hunting party on November 4, 2002, and discovered the violations.

Justice of the Peace D.L. Jackson heard the case in the Ontario Court of Justice in Lindsay on January 24, 2003.

The public is asked to help protect its natural resources by reporting violations to their local Ministry of Natural Resources office or to Crime Stoppers at 1-800-222-TIPS (8477).



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Curling event draws young people inside the house

The Haliburton Curling Club hosted the 5th annual Invitational Youth/Bantam Curling event on Saturday, Feb. 9. With two age categories, Youth, 10-13, and Bantam, up to 16, the event attracted 48 participants who came from as far away as Huntsville and Bobcaygeon. Local teams from both Haliburton and Minden were represented in the 'funspiel'.



DARREN LUM/Echo

Above: A young curler releases the rock and focuses on the 'house' ahead.
Left: A pair of girls sweep while others look on.

Youth Draw

1st Place
Haliburton team:
Andrew Flowers,
Curtis Nichol, Scott
Griffith,
Amber Loney

2nd Place
Minden Team:
Jesse Walker,
Michael Walli,
Nicole Docherty,
Tianna Cooper.

Bantam Draw

1st Place
Gravenhurst Team:
Ryan Kilbourne,
Cory McMackin,
Tom Kilbourne,
Marty McMackin,

2nd Place
Minden Team:
Edward Cyr,
Jane Walker,
Conner Dahaima,
Chantal Cyr.

HHSS sports briefs

Wrestling

In a meet in Campbellford last week Kira Fry and Melanie Howitt found their way to the podium with silver. Amelia Ambridge and Jeff Griffin both earned two wins each at the meet.
This week the team will enter the Kawartha Championships.

Curling

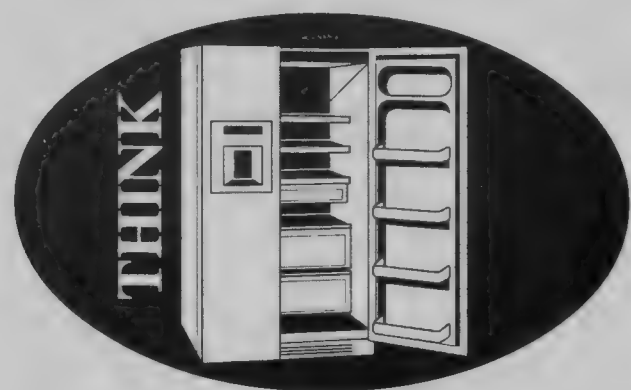
The HHSS boys and girls curling teams travelled to Fenelon Falls last week and finished with a win and a loss against the Falcons.
On Wednesday the team will compete in the Kawartha West Championships.

Senior Girls Basketball

In an LCVI tournament last week the team played strongly, earning a berth in the Kawartha Championship this week.

Senior Boys Basketball.

On Wednesday last week the senior boys team lost a nail-biter 44-39.



Local students advertise no smoking

SHERYL LOUCKS

Staff Reporter

Nine-year-old Cree Tylee, along with the rest of Haliburton County's Grade 4 students, has learned how to read between the lines, the big bright letters and fancy gimmicks advertisers use, thanks to the teaching of Ron Hoare, a volunteer with the Lungs for Life program.

Hoare travelled to the county's schools teaching this group of kids about how advertisers use 20 different "hooks" to get people to buy their cigarettes. He helped the students through a guided analysis of a series of ads until the students were able to identify these hooks and gimmicks on their own.

The program is an initiative of Health For Life/Heart Connection and has been running for the last four years.

The program consists of three sections: the anatomy of a cigarette, the harm

caused by smoking and advertising hooks. In section one, the students are informed about the harmful chemicals and poisons found in tobacco. In section two, the students learn how these poisons

and chemicals affect the body. Section three deals with how advertisers entice people to use their products.

Hoare says that, once he goes through the program with the students, they are

then asked to produce a poster using their new-found knowledge to convince people not to smoke.

The winning entry from each class was invited to reproduce his or her poster on Bristol board in order to be eligible for the grand prize of a compact disc player. This year the grand prize winner was Tylee from JDHES. The two runners up were Sara Taylor from Cardiff Elementary and Emma Ross, also from JDHES; both girls received a basketball.

The girls were presented with their prizes last week, national non-smoking week. All the students who participated received smaller prizes such as stickers, bookmarks, pens, water bottles, posters and T-shirts.

Hoare says he is very grateful to the teachers and students and principals for their continued participation and support for the program.



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Cree Tylee and Sara Taylor won first and second prizes respectively for the posters they created during the Lungs for Life program that is sponsored by Health for Life. The two Grade 4 J. Douglas Hodgson students won a CD player and a basketball.

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Chamber withdraws Superbuild funding application

\$2,000 used to investigate options for cramped quarters at welcome centre

MARTHA PERKINS

Editor

Now that the Haliburton Highlands Chambers of Commerce has abandoned its plans to build a larger welcome centre at its present location due to financial restraints, it's time to open the door to a variety of options, county councillors say.

The Chamber has withdrawn from a Superbuild funding applications but it's still having to cope with cramped quarters at its Minden office. The Haliburton Highlands Trails and Tours Network shares the same space, which is also the main tourist information centre.

County council agreed to provide \$2,000 to its economic diversification committee to investigate other possibilities.

Do office staff and welcome staff have to share the same space? Should a new welcome centre be built at the busiest intersection in Haliburton County, at the corner of Hwys. 35 and 118 in Carnarvon? Or should it go farther south on Hwy. 35. What are the advantages to having it stay where it is?

Traffic count information will be sought to help answer some of these questions.

"We have to look at the long-term and this is just a start," said Algonquin Highlands Deputy-reeve Don Shortreed, who is council's representative on the Chamber board. He encouraged council to approve the \$2,000 contribution. "If we shoot [the committee] down all the time, it's not much use having this committee."

The only councillor to vote against the

expenditure was Highlands East Reeve Keith Tallman.

Spreading septage

County council will have to settle for writing down its concerns that the Ministry of Environment is heading towards a ban on the spreading of untreated septage on fields.

On January 16, the county office received an e-mail telling it of public consultation meetings in Owen Sound on January 22 and Bradford on January 28. The meetings are to seek public comment about Stage II of the province's new Nutrient Management Act. The act proposes that "honey trucks" no longer be allowed to dump their contents on open fields, as has been common practice. The province says that's not an environmentally sound practice and wants it discontinued.

But where is the septage to go?

"Let me tell you that getting a septage lagoon is a slow, slow, slow process," said Reeve Eleanor Harrison of Algonquin Highlands, which is going through the process of trying to establish a winter storage lagoon to cope with new environmental rules.

"In the Canadian Shield what's the alternative [to the spreading of septage on fields]," Dysart et al Reeve Murray Fearrey asked. Given the amount of rock in the Highlands, some properties are not able to build septic systems and must rely on holding tanks, which need to be emptied.

Council decided to write a letter to the

province expressing its concerns since it did not feel able to attend the hearings.

Environment

Terms of reference for a new environment and planning advisory committee were accepted.

At first, CAO Gary King recommended a nine-member committee with four county councillors and five members of the public. He felt this would ensure a broad range of representation, especially in light of the fact that the former committee, which the county disbanded, had 23 members.

But it was the size of the old committee that was one of the problems, Dysart et al Reeve Murray Fearrey said. He also noted that with nine members, the environment committee would be bigger than its parent, county council, which has eight members. He recommended a seven-member committee, saying that the number of members was not as important as the care and consideration that goes into choosing high calibre representatives.

Three members will be from county council with four from the public, with the warden invited as an ex-officio member. Members of the new Environment Haliburton! (EH!) committee, which is comprised primarily of former county advisory committee for the environment committee, are eligible to submit their names for consideration of being appointed to the new committee.

"I don't think it's a conflict as long as their motives are right," Fearrey said.

Any issue that's environmental in nature will come under the jurisdiction of this new committee, which will also incorporate the existing headwaters committee.

The committee will provide advice on a broad range of topics, including the official plan and the county's tree-cutting by-law update.

"It's more of a sounding board," said King.

Recreation

Council agreed to write a letter in support of a recreational development grant application being submitted by the health unit's Health for Life and Family Services of Haliburton County.

The two agencies want \$5,000 which they can match with \$5,000 from Clarica to do an inventory of all recreational facilities in the Highlands and any possible barriers, such as cost, for their use.

Dysart et al Reeve Murray Fearrey said "I support it if it's all for kids" but he didn't think the money should be used for the committee which is investigating the feasibility of building a pool in the county. [No municipality nor the county has agreed to cover operating costs.]

Insurance

Municipalities have already had to bite the bullet and now it's the county's turn.

Council approved renewing its insurance policy, despite a hefty 25 per cent increase in cost. The rate increase is on par with prices quoted to municipalities.

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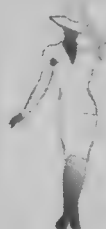
Here are two students currently looking for host families.

Barbara, is a 15-year-old student from France who enjoys the outdoors, animals, horseback riding and mountain biking. She plays the accordion and likes spending time with her brothers. "I chose to come to Canada because I think it's the most beautiful country in the world, and as I love nature, it's the ideal country."

Alexander, 16, lives in Germany. He likes skiing, archery, and scuba diving. "On the whole, you can say that I like winter sports very much. Weather permitting I play hockey with my father and my friends."

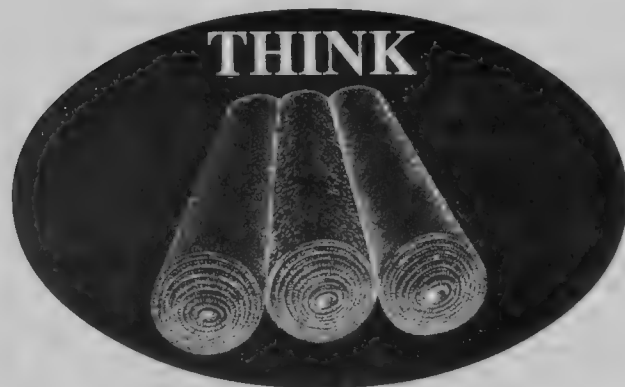
Alexander wishes to become fluent in English and to learn about a new culture.

Founded by the Swedish National Department of Education, ASSE cooperates with the Canadian Provincial Ministries of Education and the New Zealand Ministry of Education. For information on how you can qualify to become a volunteer host family for these or other students, please call toll free 1-800-361-3214.



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Manners runs on OSSTF record

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teacher on leave. (She and Manners have a 10-week-old daughter.)

Pethick and Manners wanted to raise their daughter in a small town, hence the move to Lindsay. Asked about his familiarity with the northern half of the riding, he says he knows the Highlands through visiting several friends' cottages.

As well, he used to teach in Flesherton, a small town in Grey County, and that experience, he says, gave him insight into rural life.

Rick Denyer, who carried the NDP banner in the past two federal elections and one provincial election, says he's putting aside his own political aspirations to support Manners.

"It's good to have a high-profile candidate in the area," Denyer said from his home in Lindsay. "He lives in the area and his experience with the teachers' union will be of benefit to this riding."

Denyer has hopes that Manners' name recognition and track record will give the NDP a chance to win the riding. "I think this riding's looking for a change and he's the man to do it. [As well, NDP leader] Howard Hampton did a great job on Ontario Hydro and people are starting to listen to the NDP."

Acknowledging that this riding has a strong Conservative history, and that he's new to the area, Manners says "I recognize

that it will be an uphill battle but I think the citizens are looking for someone to represent them who is a proven speaker and communicator and who can get things done."

He also takes heart in the fact that this riding has elected an NDP MPP, Earl Manners Dennis Drainville.

However, the flip side of Drainville's success is its short duration; Chris Hodgson, who rose to the top ranks of the Tory government, was elected in a by-election after Drainville quit his job as MPP to run federally as an independent partway through his mandate.

"I am running on my own merits," Manners says when asked about Drainville's legacy, both good and bad. "I agree that the history of the riding is conducive to strong, independent candidates who are not afraid to speak out. I think my record speaks for itself."

Asked whether he considers Tory hopeful Laurie Scott or Liberal candidate Jason Ward as his strongest opponent, he says "It will be a good three-way race that will lead to a good debate, and citizens will be all the better for it."

But will people vote for an NDP candidate if they believe the NDP will not assume leadership of the government?

"One never knows what will

happen," he says. "I don't want to speculate about election results. The people will decide."

"Because I'm familiar with Queen's Park, where I was also familiar with people of all political stripes, I can be an effective representative [no matter who's in power.] I don't think it matters which party wins as long as you have a strong candidate who can get the job done."

Of course, education will be one of his strongest campaign platforms.

"Obviously it's a passion of mine," he says, "and I can be a credible and strong voice..."

"I appreciate small schools and that they should be the centre of a strong community. I'm also arguing that the private school tax credit is wrong-headed and undermines the social fabric of our society. It divides us along lines of religion or economic status. I think there should be no public funding of religious schools. We should have one, strong public school system."

He adds that "Over time, the positions and concerns I've raised [as OSSTF president] have proven to be correct."

The environment is also a concern, he says, mentioning the landfill in Ops and the proposed asphalt plant near Carnarvon as two battles to be fought.

In healthcare he says "Citizens are looking for stability and certainty in services."

Overall, he says, "I think the

citizens, especially in the City of Kawartha Lakes, are tired of the Conservatives imposing their positions on them and not giving them an alternative. With my candidacy, there will be a choice."

In November, Kawartha Lakes residents will be voting in a referendum that asks if they want to dismantle the one-tier, city government and revert to the old system. Asked how he'd vote, Manners says "I'd vote yes - I'm not in favour of the City of Kawartha Lakes but I don't agree that the only alternative is to go back to the old Victoria County. If people reject the old City of Kawartha Lakes, I'd insist local residents have a chance to determine [an alternative structure.]"

As to Hodgson's legacy, Manners refers to Hodgson's "leap to fame" as one of the Tories' first Common Sense Revolution candidates. "I think Chris tried to do the best for the community but some of the ideas of the Common Sense Revolution haven't worked out and have hurt our society."

The nomination meeting is March 2 at 3 p.m. at the Lindsay Legion. Anyone can put their name forward as a candidate right up to the time of the meeting so it's not yet known who Manners will be running against.

He encourages people to get party memberships, which can be purchased at the meeting, and come out to vote.

Halbiem Cres. is targetted by thieves

Haliburton Highlands OPP officers investigating a break and enter at 21 Halbiem Crescent in Haliburton.

During the late evening or early morning hours of Feb. 5 or 6, the suspects forced their way into the home. The suspects appear to have parked their vehicle at the bottom of the driveway then walked up to the residence.

It was also discovered that the suspects entered several parked vehicles in the neighbourhood. It is unknown at this time if anything was taken during the break-in at the residence.

Anyone with information on this occurrence can call the Haliburton Highlands Detachment at 286-1431 or Crime Stoppers at 1-800-222-TIPS.

Impaired driving

A vehicle was stopped in Wilberforce on February 8. The driver, a 57-year-old man from Wilberforce, allegedly had been drinking and was charged with impaired driving and driving over 80 mgs.

On February 9, police stopped a speeding vehicle on County Rd. 503 in Snowdon. The car was stopped in a private drive and the driver was given a roadside breathalyzer test, which he subsequently failed. A 52-year-old Snowdon man was charged with driving over 80 mgs.



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Roads Superintendent Miles Maughan took this photo of the Dysart plow which ended up going over the bank on Watt's Trail near Kennisis Lake on Tuesday. Highlands East and Minden Hills also lost plows to the treacherous conditions which were caused by hours of freezing rain on Tuesday morning.

'Once the trucks start to slide there's no hope'

from page 1

Thursday, the same day the company drove up to Watts Trail near Kennisis Lake to pull one of Dysart's trucks out of the ditch.

The snowplow operator had made it to the top of a hill and even though he had sanded along the way, he lost control on the way back down.

"The trucks are so big and heavy that once they start to slide there's no hope," says Doug Ray, operations manager for the county's road department.

The truck landed on its side and the driver was not injured.

Dysart Roads Superintendent Miles Maughan believes the truck will be a write-off as well. Another truck had been slated to be replaced, with tenders for its replacement going out Monday, but this wasn't the truck which was involved in the accident.

Minden Hills has some steep hills, which pose some special problems for road maintenance crews. Kevin Hill, the roads superintendent, says going up the hills is less of a concern than coming down. When a sander is going up a hill, he explains, if it runs into trouble, at least the road is sanded behind the truck. On the steep downhill grades, the front (steering) wheels are on unsanded ice, which can be an unnerving situation for the truck driver.

"The hills weren't a problem this time," Hill said. "It was about 12:30 [p.m.], the last road of the day that caused the biggest problem."

That problem area was Duncan's Road, off County Road 121 near Blairhampton. One of the operators was sanding the road when his truck slid on the ice on a corner and with the dump box up, the incline caused the box to tip over, twisting the frame of the truck.

"The main thing is that the operator wasn't injured," Hill said.

The truck, on the other hand, didn't fare well. As luck would have it, the truck was the oldest in the Minden Hills fleet and was scheduled for replacement within the next year.

"We came out of it a lot better than some," Hill said. He noted that Dysart and Highlands East lost newer trucks on the same day and he said he heard he City of

Kawartha Lakes lost a nearly new truck because of the icy conditions.

Although the county roads department doesn't have to face any of the steep, twisting roads that are on the municipal routes, the snow plow drivers still had quite a job making their roads passable.

"They went all night," says Ray. The afternoon/night shift worked until the other shift arrived at 4 in the morning. Two of those drivers, however, stayed on to fix their broken trucks.

"With these guys, it's their mission [to clear the roads]," Ray says. "They take it very seriously. They want the roads to be open, especially for emergency services. They just go until the job's done and they're made when they can't beat the storm..."

"We're still fighting it," he adds. "We salted and salted and can't get the ice to break free in some spots."

Rain that froze on the road was the worst problem. Sand would just get washed away.

"If the temperature had stayed up it would have been okay but it dropped," Ray says. When it gets too cold, the sand won't stick to the ice.

Sometimes a little snow will help, but not on Tuesday.

"When we get snow on ice, sometimes it will stick - we call it white sand," Barry Dunford says, "but it got too cold, too fast for us."

The winter has been tough on roads budgets, and not just because of damaged trucks. Some drivers with the county's roads department have already put in more than 200 hours of over-time, for which they get extra days off. A schedule for week-long breaks is being drafted.

The winter's also been expensive in the number of trips plows and sanders have to take.

"You can tell by the sand domes that it's been tough," Ray says. "We won't run out of sand, but we'll be close. We have some stockpiled just for this reason."

Meanwhile, all roads crews are hoping that we don't get a repeat of Tuesday's conditions.

"I don't think you'll find any municipal operators wishing for rain in the wintertime," Dunford says.

With files from Jerry Grozelle of the Minden Times.

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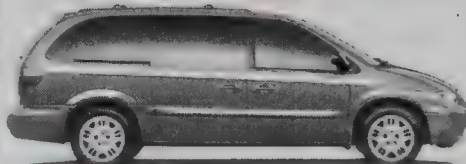
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Sir Sandford Fleming College decided it was less expensive to thaw the ground to start pouring the foundation than delaying the entire project until spring.

# CONSTRUCTION BEGINS

**MARTHA PERKINS**

Editor

**A**FTER HAVING TO THAW portions of the frozen ground, crews have begun pouring the concrete foundation for the new Sir Sandford Fleming College campus in Glebe Park.

The college decided to go ahead with the foundation after a cost analysis showed that, while preparing the ground in the middle of the winter was a costly venture, it would be less expensive than shutting down the project until spring. Without the foundation, no work can be done.

"If we closed the project down, I'd have to notify all the trades and slow down all the other deliveries," says Michael Monteith of Michael Monteith Enterprises, which won the tender for the \$7-million project. "If we closed the job and went away for three months, we'd have to remobilize the trades again and they'd be looking for delay costs."

Those costs would have been higher than the costs of heating the ground, he said Thursday from his office in Orillia after spending the day in Haliburton.

He says the trades which have been sub-contracted bid on the project based on a specific time-line. If a job gets delayed, they may have other work lined up. "They're very regimented to the schedule," he says.

When the project was first given the green light by the provincial government, it was expected the foundation

would be poured by late summer/early fall 2002. But there were delays, some caused by a new path for the road leading into the campus, as well as a re-alignment of the building.

"It was nothing we couldn't overcome," says Monteith. "We experience delays all the time, especially with institutional construction. We're used to being flexible and accommodating on delays."

He's glad the college decided to move ahead now. "It's very difficult when you lose the momentum of a project. It's important to keep it going."

He expects the foundation work to be

completed in three months, and that includes all back-filling and site work. Even if they had started in the summer, this portion of the job, which is also the longest, would have taken two months.

"Once the foundation is in and back-filled, the super structure will follow very quickly," he said, adding people will soon be able to see the framework begin. "We can put the whole building frame up in two weeks."

At its peak, the job site will be bustling with 40 to 50 workers but on average there will be 20 people on site. Monteith says they've tried to hire as many contractors and purchase as many supplies

locally as possible.

Local firms working on the project include Tischler Woodworking, Hawk River Construction, Haliburton Concrete and North Steel.

"We have an excellent crew," Monteith says.

The timber is being supplied locally, included some timber donated by Peter Schleifenbaum at Haliburton Forest.

"It's a really exciting building," Monteith says. "It's going to be one of the most impressive buildings in Haliburton."

## Fundraising campaign cracks \$2,000,000

**C**REATIVE BY NATURE, the campaign to build a new home for Sir Sandford Fleming College's Haliburton Campus, has surpassed the \$2-million plateau.

This announcement was made by Murray Fearrey at the January capital campaign committee meeting. He also stated that the committee was now less than \$500,000 away from its goal of \$2.5-million.

The campaign, launched last June, has enjoyed tremendous support from local residents, businesses, and seasonal residents alike. Barb Bolin, Haliburton campus principal, has been overwhelmed with the response. "It has been truly

amazing. People have been so generous. Donors are really excited about the new campus and what it will mean to Haliburton County's economy."

The Haliburton campus attracts more than 4,000 students to the Haliburton County each year and injects over \$5.8 million in economic investment. The new campus will provide increased enrolment by over 100 students and an additional \$2 million annually into the community.

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Municipality of Dysart et al, of service land adjacent to Glebe Park. The balance of the project is being funded through a local \$2.5 million capital campaign.

The committee hopes to complete the campaign in the next year, but as Bolin points out, "The last 20% is always the most difficult to achieve. Fortunately, the committee is still very enthusiastic that there are more generous people wanting to help".

Anyone wishing to obtain more information about the new campus or the capital campaign should contact Barb Bolin at the Haliburton campus, 457-1680.



## MPAC another example of Tory government's failures

To the Editor:

Re: Municipal Assessment (Jan. 28/03)

Once again I am going to have to give Martha Perkins a failing grade on her reporting skills. Her article on the municipal assessment problem does not explain how or why the Municipal Property Assessment Corporation (MPAC) came into being or who is ultimately accountable for its failures.

MPAC was a brain child of the provincial Tories. It is essentially a company that was given a monopoly on municipal assessment across the province. This really strikes me as odd given this government's continual harping about privatization and competition being the way to go on everything from hydro, to health care, to education, to the environment.

It is the provincial government who is telling Dysart et al and other municipalities that they must pay MPAC even though they are not doing the job they were hired to do. It is this government that is preventing our local municipality from hiring our own assessors to clear up the backlog of property assessment by giving this company a monopoly. It is the government then that is causing us to pay higher municipal taxes!

Why did you leave out this important piece of the puzzle Ms. Perkins? Are you trying to insulate the Tories from accepting responsibility for this boondoggle, or are you unable to report a news story accurately and completely?

Stephen Woof,  
West Guilford

## Fair Vote Canada provides voice to those unhappy with political system

To the Editor:

I have good news about a way for the average Canadian to get involved in the election reform process. I have just joined Fair Vote Canada, a nationwide organization dedicated to cleaning up the mess in Ottawa. It is long overdue, and there are many prominent Canadians involved in this movement: Lincoln Alexander, Pierre Berton, and Hugh Segal, just to name a few. Since I am currently unemployed, I have a little time on my hands to get involved with things I consider important, and this is one way I can have a voice to help my country from my own home.

We need more members, and the cost of joining is only \$10. This gives you a

monthly newsletter, a forum to add your views and ideas, the chance to form a local chapter, and to become involved in a very worthwhile endeavour. I think this is a good idea for those that are fed up with our politicians, both federally and provincially, to clean up their act and to become accountable to the majority of Canadians. I urge you to at least take a look, go through the forums, and if you feel as strongly as I do about the way our politicians continually misuse our tax dollars, then someday perhaps we can do something about that.

The website is [www.fairvotecanada.org](http://www.fairvotecanada.org).

Jim Callaghan  
Minden

## Backpack ban is undemocratic

To the Editor:

I am concerned by a new policy at HHSS. A student may no longer wear a coat in class, or bring a backpack to class. It is my understanding that this was decreed because food, drink, discmen, etc. were being stored in backpacks and coats, and were being accessed during class time in contravention of school policy. The staff time devoted to this issue was thought to be excessive, and it was decided that this rule was the best way to go about ameliorating the situation. This decision was made, I might add, without student consultation.

Backpacks are very useful - allowing the easy transportation of textbooks, notebooks, pencil cases etc. while keeping them organized. If all your school supplies are with you, you never have to wonder whether you have left something behind, while if everything is pooled in your locker, items could more easily be forgotten. Coats were also banned in classes, so if it's chilly, you'd better have a sweater! The administration has made clear to me that these factors were not an issue and that they were not considered.

An issue was a supposed disruption of the learning environment caused by backpacks and or coats. Apparently people were being tempted by food and drink in their backpacks and coats and were being led to eat and drink during class, which is quite rightly proscribed. These infractions were being dealt with by staff, however, dealing with these infractions was apparently so time-consuming that it was impacting on staff performance. This policy is a misguided attempt to lower the amount of time spent by staff dealing with these infractions.

A prime concern of mine is the nature of the administration's decision-making policy. Students were not consulted during this process, or even informed of the new rule the day before it was implemented. Not only were students not consulted, I was informed by the school that students' opinions were not even considered during the decision-making process.

The school is an institution whose purpose is to provide education to the stu-

dents, and as such it must respect them. In fact, respect is the first word of the school credo: respect, commitment, responsibility. Issuing edicts from on high without consulting students is irresponsible and cannot be respectful. A fair, accountable, and democratic process for reviewing and updating school policy which involves students in a meaningful way is a must for responsible governance of the school. The administration cannot institute policies in good faith which affect students when it freely admits that it did not even consider them.

To remedy this situation, a review should be conducted with staff and interested students concerning the current procedure for reviewing and updating policy, with the goal of creating a new procedure which is fair to all parties and above all accountable and democratic. This must have an avenue for student comment, such as a staff-student liaison, a process for both students and staff to initiate updates or review of policy, and a meaningful voice for elected representatives of the student body. Decisions affecting students cannot be made without consulting students.

Charles Taylor  
Haliburton

A few days after *The Echo* received this letter, Charles Taylor, an HHSS student, sent this postscript:

It has come to my attention in a further meeting with the administration of HHSS that I misconstrued their reasons for enacting the backpack/coat rule. In addition to the reasons I list in my letter were safety (apparently people were being "bumped in the halls" by backpacks) and theft (items were being stolen.)

This does not change my position on this new rule. In my opinion those considerations do little to strengthen the case for banning backpacks, and nothing for the case against coats. Incidents such as these should be dealt with on an individual basis, not by an undemocratically enacted blanket ruling which affects everyone.



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For all the special things you do  
The ways I've changed and  
grown with you  
I'll love you more my whole  
life through  
My wife, my friend, my love  
Love John

**Cabbage Patch**  
So many times I looked at you  
and saw me standing there  
I kind of smile to myself  
which really wasn't fair  
To keep from you this feeling  
how proud I am of you  
May all your dreams become  
fulfilled, as mine once did with  
you.  
Love Dad

**Dearest Johnny**  
Our past was great  
Our present sublime  
Our future together  
Will be devine!  
Love Lady Di

**Dear Babe**  
Roses are red  
Daisies are white  
I truly hope  
You find our knight.  
Love Mom

**Black Mariah**  
You've won this round, what  
can I say?  
But when the cat's away, the  
mice will play.  
(Once a mouse, always a  
mouse.)  
From another Mouse

**Dear Lb**  
Happy Valentine's Day  
"Pointer"  
The love is still there, I haven't  
a doubt  
When you get lonely, give me  
a shout  
You will always be my love,  
no matter what else  
I'll Love you forever; or till I  
hear bells.  
Love forever, Chris XXOO

**Dear "Dougie"**  
Happy Valentine's Day to a  
special guy who works out  
everyday-I don't know why he's  
perfect and happy and always a  
friend even though he likes his  
toast burnt!! There's alot who  
love you, oh don't you see?  
Keep on being you, with love  
from me.  
From Chris XXOO,  
Your coffee buddy

**To my Special Plony**  
We met on a summer's night  
'Twas to our mutual delight  
Little did I know that in just  
over a year  
You would propose as I shed  
a tear  
Now I eagerly await our wed-  
ding day  
And tell you "I love you" in  
this corny way!  
I love you and look forward to  
growing very old with you!  
Love your crazy girl. XO

Happy Valentine's Day to our  
tribe, Brandon, Chris, Catherine.  
We love you.  
Mom and Dad

Happy Valentine's Day to our  
favourite little sweeties, Curtis,  
Shelby and Emma.  
Love Daddy and Mommy  
XOXO

**Dearest Treeboy**  
You are stihl the one honey.  
Wood you be my Valentine  
XO

**To my Hubby**  
Love you more each day,  
Love your wifey  
P.S. Happy 2nd Anniversary

**Putty Babe**  
You are the one.....  
You complete me.....  
And I love you so!  
Love, X Sniffing Dog

**To Christie, Paige, Jessica  
and Rebecca**  
Happy Valentine's Day to our  
four little sweethearts!  
Love Mommy and Daddy

**To my Darling Husband**  
"Happy Valentine's Day"  
I love you more today than I  
did yesterday and I'll love you  
even more tomorrow. My love  
for you grow stronger as each  
day passes. I love you with all  
my heart. You are my life and  
my dream come true.  
Love your wife,  
Terri XOXOX

**CL**  
I can't wait to canoe down  
the river with you.  
Love Spider

**To: Gorgeous**  
You will always be my  
Fist love and sweetheart.  
Love and friendship are the  
greatest things in life.  
Have a good one and keep  
smiling.  
LUV from: ???  
You are my Dumpling,  
You are my pudding,  
You are my jelly roll  
And you are my sweetheart  
Until the end of time  
Even if this doesn't rhyme  
From your cute, cheeky,  
petite wife

**Doc**  
Valentine's Day is here again  
and your still the only thing I'd  
love to wake up to every day.  
See you on the K-n-o-b.  
Hugs and Kisses L. Bear

February 14th is a very special  
day  
It's when I get to tell my family  
How much I love them, in  
every single way  
Being a Chubb, no matter big  
or small  
Is a hard job to do, no matter  
short or tall  
We snuggle thru the night,  
reading books for many hour;  
And my question to you is  
"What the heck are Bubbling  
Scours?"  
Could it be a title of a brand  
new song?  
Or even a new type of utensil  
like a kitchen tong?  
Whatever it means, It's not as  
important as you both are to me  
You see, I LOVE THE BOTH  
OF YOU  
It's very plain to see....  
Happy Valentine's Day.....  
Love "Me"

**To our grandson, Andrew**  
On this, your first Valentine's  
Day, we hope you find the love  
in your life that your Mom and  
Dad and Grandma and Grandpa  
found in theirs. All our love to  
you.  
Grandma Nancy and  
Grandpa Larry

**To Nance**  
I loved you in '68:  
You made it hard to concen-  
trate.  
I loved you in '75:  
You made me feel so alive.  
I loved you in '83:  
How much better could our  
life be?  
I loved you in '96:  
You and I were the perfect mix.  
I love you more in '03:  
In fact, you mean the world to me!  
Thank you for being my  
Valentine all these years.  
Love Larry

**For my fiancée**  
If I had a dime for every  
thought of you  
I would never need to work  
So I took the time to write this  
verse  
For my one true love, Miss  
Burke  
Your such a kind and loving  
soul  
You light up any room  
Be careful with my heart you  
stole  
Just don't give it back too soon  
Because while you love me I'll  
be complete  
For a while we'll share our hearts  
But in eight months time we'll  
share one soul  
And we'll never be apart  
I want to spend my life with you  
I can't wait for what's in store  
I love you, Happy Valentine's  
Day  
And be prepared for many more  
Love Earl XOXOXOXOXO

**Years go bye**  
And often all we say is Hi  
But it's good to pause  
And think of the cause  
That makes life so Wonderful  
It's the Great Love you give  
and share to all of us  
Lots of Love Doreen from  
Robert on this Valentines Day.  
**Brian**  
It is not possible to live a rich,  
full life without a caring hus-  
band like you.  
Love M,R & K



**To Mayo Man (my hero!)**  
I didn't know what it was to  
actually live life until I met you.  
Where my heart felt empty is  
now overflowing with love and  
happiness. You brought that to  
my life. Now I do more than  
exist-I live-something I felt  
almost impossible to do until  
you walked into my life. It's like  
a new exciting chapter. Words  
cannot express how much you  
mean to me, I just hope you  
know. I love you with all my  
heart and I'm looking forward  
to many more wonderful  
moments we will share in the  
future together.  
Happy Valentine's Day  
Love Always, your Baby  
XOXO

**T**  
Once again it's that time of  
year to say Happy Valentine's  
to someone dear. I dream every-  
day about holding you tight  
and hope that someday we can  
share a night. I love your smile  
and your gentle touch, a good  
friend you are, you don't know  
how much. There's only one  
thing left to say and thats have a  
very special Valentine's Day.  
Hugs and Kisses, K

**Carly**  
We love you the whole wide  
world and more.  
Hugs and kisses from  
Grandma and Papa

**Kadie**  
We love your happy face,  
smile and giggles. Hugs and  
kisses from Grandma and Papa  
**David,**  
We love you a lot our little  
man on his tractor.  
Hugs and kisses from  
Grandma and Papa

**Emily,**  
We love a whole bunch our  
little rosebud. Hugs and kisses  
from Grandma and Papa

Happy Valentine's Day to my  
grandchildren Sarah, Jeff,  
Bradford, Rachel, Heidi, Jessie,  
and Sammi.  
Love Grandma Burk

**For Papa Bear**  
Roses are red  
Violets are blue  
Sugar is sweet  
And so are you  
Love Mama Bear

**To Nana Coyote**  
Happy V.D. We love you.  
Little Bear, Raven and  
Brandon

**Nannie, H.V.D.**  
Love you lots,  
Brandon, Chris and  
Catherine

**To Carol Baldwin**  
Roses are red  
Violets are blue  
After 36 years  
I love you Love Paul

**To Rock**  
Roses are red  
Violets are blue  
It can be said  
The only one we think of is you.  
Love The Kitchen Babes

Roses are red,  
Tulips are pink.  
You need to know,  
Just what we think.  
We work with this guy,  
You may be quite shocked!  
There's no finer fellow,  
Than our special friend ROCK!  
Happy Valentine's Day Rock  
Love from all your lady  
friends.  
**To my Mae**  
My heart still skips a beat,  
when you walk into the room,  
Forty one years our love has  
grown,  
And continues to proudly  
bloom!  
Love now and always!  
Bruce

**For Bruce**  
In my heart are many memories,  
Of the loving things you've  
done,  
And today I will tell you,  
That I thank you for each one!  
There is one special memory,  
That is dearest too,  
Ever since I can remember,  
I remember loving you!  
I love you! Mae



# Early settlers often walked for miles

community news

## harcourt

Valerie Smith

448-3640

Harcourt's Centennial Committee continues to go full steam ahead for Harcourt's up coming Centennial Celebrations to be held on the weekend of July 11, 12, and 13th. Data on community history continues to flow in and more people are calling with more bits of information and date corrections. It is just great!

In a previous article I had indicated the second Harcourt School house burnt in the early 1900s. Thanks to a call from Yvonne McMullin I have been enlightened on the origin of the fire. Yvonne's father, who was born in 1898, was a student at the school at the time of the fire. It appears the school caretaker cleaned out the old wood stove and thinking the ashes were dead, set the ashes in the cloakroom. Evidently they were not all out and a fire started, soon consuming the old clapboard structure.

The first telephone in Harcourt was actually in Mrs. Jack Scott's home not in her daughter Bessie's home as I stated previously. Mrs. Jack Scott was formerly known as Jane Schickler, the wife of Ephram Schickler, who died in February 1938 and she remarried following his death to Jack Scott. Granddaughter Yvonne McMullin pointed out the original CN telegraph phone was in the Schickler family store and never located in the Mumford Railway Station.

Evelyn (Scott) Stata, a descendant of one of Harcourt's earliest settlers, the Scott Family, gave me a call. From her I learnt of how her grandfather, Thomas Scott, and his then 12-year-old son walked all the way from Harcourt to the other side of West Guilford, taking with them some cattle. The 12-year-

old son remained in the West Guilford area while his father returned to Harcourt. This is how the Richard Thomas Scott family came to be in West Guilford.

Yvonne McMullin also told me a story of the family walking to carve a new home in this wilderness area of Harcourt. Grandfather Ephram Schickler walked to a place on the Old Mumford Road, once known as Beech Ridge. Why was it called Beech Ridge? Local characteristics often supplied the inspiration for a name so perhaps it were beech trees that crowned this ridge of land. Nonetheless, his walk was a long one, all the way from Kitchener, Ontario on foot.

At the end of his long journey there certainly was no comfy Holiday Inn to relax and enjoy his stay in. The men started right away to clear land and plant herbs and other plants and make ready for the long journey back to Kitchener. For next year they would make a return journey again with their all their members of the family.

One can only imagine what that return journey was like for the men and women and their young children. Their scanty belongings carried on the shoulders of the men folk all while they blazed pathways. They would have to travel on foot through swamps, thick forests, over streams and around marshes too difficult to cross.

These long walks, however, were just accepted as part of their every day lives. When they did arrive at a small town they would find the main street to be only a narrow trail through the woods with a scattering of buildings. As time went on these trails in the little towns were widened and slabs from the sawmills were laid upon them as a covering. Not asphalt but slab wood and the soft muddy spots were filled with sawdust from the mills.

The country roads were improved upon in much the same manner, however, rather

than using sawmill slabs, small tree trunks were placed side by side, crossways of the road to make a corduroy road over swampy areas and rough spots. These tree trunks covered with dirt made for better road conditions but were very rough to cross along on. In the spring the logs would heave with the winter's frost and make a real mess.

It was not so very long ago, in the late '60s, that the long causeway before you get to Elephant Lake was a prime example of spring thaw mish-mash of slush and mud causing many a traveler to become stuck hub cap deep in muck and mire.

I have heard of tales of how winter travel was enjoyed far more than summer travel in hot sun, pesky flies and on bone jarring roads. In the winter the ruts and holes filled with snow and it was fun to glide smoothly along the well-packed trails on sleighs and toboggans. Sun shining brightly on fresh fallen snow, snow laden evergreen boughs forming archways over the trails and blue jays calling. But it was not all like this as there were days when old man winter was in one of his ugly moods and blizzards raged and the trails would pile high with drifts.

My own parents often tell the tale of how my father wore two sets of chains off his old car trying to get my mother, who was expecting me, to the hospital from Kingscott Lake to the hospital in Haliburton. It took him the better part of day to make a trip that can be completed today in one hour.

We take for granted and complain about our roads of today but the hardships endured by those who laid the foundation of our great highway system should never be diminished nor forgotten.

More dates to ponder:

1960: Elephant Lake Lodge was actually sold by Russell Schickler to Harold and Marion Kennedy not to Mr. Walerton



Valerie Smith, who is collecting a history of Harcourt in preparation of its 100th anniversary this summer, is a descendent of Jennie (Washburn) Townsend of Harcourt. Jennie was born on January 29, 1893 and died April 19, 1978.

1961: Russell Schickler founded the E.R. Schickler Marine in Harcourt.

After he left his Elephant Lake residence and came to Harcourt to live, he found people bringing him boat motors to repairs as this was a job he always performed on his own motors at Elephant Lake Lodge. Things grew and eventually Russell tore down the old garage and blacksmith shop which Russell and his father Ephram had operated prior to Russell building Elephant Lake Lodge.

Perhaps the beginning would be a better place to begin. At the turn of the century, in approx. 1908, the Harcourt Lumber Co. owned the land in and about the present site of the M.A. Bell Marine presently owned by Mary Ann and Robert Silagy. The cookhouse and residence for the men was located in this

area. Mrs. Jane Schickler started to cook for the men from the mill. Meanwhile, Russell and his father Ephram became involved with the mill operations and eventually they purchased the Harcourt Lumber Co. Things went well for them for a number of years and the Schicklers sponsored emigrants from Yugoslavia and Finland to work in their mill. During the depression the company they supplied lumber became ruined like so many companies during this period of history and the lumbering operations changed for the Schickler family as well.

1960s: During the early '60s Louie and Mary Roderick built the Ridgeview Restaurant.

1960s: Schwandt Lumber Company operated a home care center where building supplies were sold; it's still in operation

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# Community hall truly the centre of Harcourt

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today and ran by Mac and Nancy Gadway

June 21, 1960 The first organization meeting of the Harcourt Community Hall Board was held in the Council Chambers at Haliburton.

April 16, 1964: Caretaker for the Harcourt Community Hall was paid at a rate of \$25 per

month

April 24, 1964: Mrs. Vedra McHarrie was authorized to operate the refreshment booth at Harcourt Community Centre for the purposes of selling refreshments at functions that took place at the hall.

June 26, 1965: The Minister of Agriculture of Ontario gave a cheque in the amount of \$380 to help with the cost of Harcourt

Community Centre

1966: Henry Pacey, one of Harcourt's founding family members died

Harcourt story to be continued next week.

Up-Coming at Harcourt

Community Centre:

February 16: Harcourt Community Centre Hall Board Meeting - 7:00 p.m.

March 15: As part of Harcourt's Centennial celebrations a St. Patrick's Day Dinner will be held in Harcourt.

Please take notice that tenders are invited for the cleaning contract of Harcourt Community Centre Hall, Harcourt, Ontario and will be received on or before March 15, 2003. Copy of job description may be obtained from Ross Covert, Debbie

Shatraw or copies are available at the Community Centre on Wednesday evenings from 6:15 - 7:30 p.m. or on Thursday evenings from 7:00 - 9:00 p.m.

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## HHSS council report

MARY TURNER

Special to the Echo

### Special Ed

Head of Special Education Bruce Griffith spoke at our January School Council meeting.

Mr Griffith has been working in the special ed. field for 19 years. Regarding the testing of children with special needs, he said most children have been tested by high school, but students who need testing can receive it.

There are presently 131 exceptional students at HHSS. Each of them is monitored on a regular basis. Fifteen students are enrolled in the Community Living Class where they learn social, life, and work experience skills. Integration into the high school community is a goal and the student may stay until 21-years-old.

The "Lunch Buddies" program integrates these students with other high school students during the lunch hour. Extra assistance with school work is available in the resource room. Extra time may be allowed for testing, writing papers. The use of a scribe or oral testing are both accessible.

A special program called SALEP [Supervised Alternative Learning for Excused Pupils] is available to any student under 16 who is unable to benefit from regular school attendance.

### Grade 9 EQAO Math & Literacy Test Results

Trillium Lakelands students performed at or above provincial standards in most areas, especially at secondary school level. David Hill said Grades 9 & 10 were above provincial averages. Students at HHSS did well, and work is continuing to equip the students to do even better.

### Volunteer Hours

Sixty per cent of students in the graduating class have completed their required time of 40 hours. Forty percent have yet to complete these hours and will not graduate if they don't. Volunteering with "Lunch Buddies" is counted as volunteer hours.

### Environmental Project

Mr Zondervan and Mrs Thurley will be taking over the environmental projects where Mr Mowat left off. The Drag Lake and Fish Hatchery Projects are both completed. A new project on wetlands is being headed by Mrs Thurley.

### Harassment

This is the No 1 social issue at HHSS. The policy is zero tolerance for any form of harassment.

### Principal's Report

Exam Writing Format: Second time around for the new writing schedule demonstrated that it is working wonderfully well ... no conflicts for students.

Staffing 2003: Kit Pizzey and Dav Mowat have retired after 30 years [each] of teaching at HHSS. Three new teachers have been hired: 1.0 English/History [Ms Desjardins], 1.0 Family Studies/Civics [Ms Kinney], 0.33 Business/Careers [Mrs Stasiuk].

### Next Meeting

Feb 18th at 7:00 PM in the Seminar Room. Our guest speaker will be Karen Phipps who will be speaking on nutrition. Come, be informed. Everyone is welcome!

# Notices Notices Notices Notices

## Municipality of Highlands East NOTICE

(Applicant-HARRISON)

IN THE MATTER OF THE MUNICIPAL ACT AND IN THE MATTER OF A PROPOSED BY-LAW OF THE CORPORATION OF THE MUNICIPALITY OF HIGHLANDS EAST TO CLOSE, STOP-UP AND CONVEY CERTAIN PORTIONS OF AN ORIGINAL SHORE ROAD ALLOWANCE ALONG THE SHORE OF KOSHLONG LAKE, MORE PARTICULARLY HEREINAFTER DESCRIBED.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, pursuant to Chapter M45, Section 297 and section 300 of the Municipal Act, R.S.O. 1990, as amended, that the Township Council of the Corporation of the Municipality of Highlands East proposes to consider and if deemed advisable, to pass at its regular meeting to be held at the Council Chambers, WILBERFORCE, Ontario on Tuesday, the 11th day of March, 2003, at 9:00 a.m., a By-Law to close, stop-up and convey to the adjacent land owners the following described lands:

Part of the Original Shore Road Allowance in front of Lot 13, Concession 15, Township of Glamorgan, County of Haliburton, shown as Parts 8, 9 and 10 (Part 10-being the flooded portion, will be retained by the Municipality of Highlands East) on Plan 19R-7103.

The Plan of Survey as referred to above is available for inspection during regular office hours at the Municipality of Highlands East offices, Wilberforce, Ontario.

AND TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that before passing the said By-Law at the meeting to be held at the time and place above mentioned, the Municipality of Highlands East shall then and there hear in person or by his counsel, solicitor or agent, any person who claims that his, her or their lands will be prejudicially affected by the said By-Law and who applies to be heard.

DATED at Municipality of Highlands East (Wilberforce), Ontario this 28th day of January, 2003.

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## ONTARIO GOVERNMENT TENDER #SSB-042866

### Bidders Information Meeting

February 18, 2003 at 1:00 p.m. at the Ministry of Transportation District Office located at 207 Main Street West in Huntsville.

### Closing Date

March 5, 2003 at 2:00:59 p.m. Local (North Bay) Time.

The **MINISTRY OF TRANSPORTATION** of Ontario requests tenders for summer and winter highway maintenance at the Parry Sound and Mactier Patrols in the Huntsville area.

### Duration of Contract

The contract is for a period of five (5) years beginning on April 1, 2003 and ending on March 31, 2008. For the winter equipment activities (items 17 to 21), the actual work shall be completed during the 2003/2004, 2004/2005, 2005/2006, 2006/2007 and 2007/2008 winter seasons.

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### Option 7

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### Technical Information

Mr. Stan Farnsworth, Maintenance Superintendent at 705-789-2391, Ext. 230.

### Notes:

- Parry Sound and Mactier Patrols are considered one (1) area of operation for this tender.
- Contractors may bid on any or all options, with all items being bid on in each option. The Ministry will award contracts based on the best financial advantage to the Ministry.
- Interested bidders must contact MERX at [www.merx.com](http://www.merx.com) or 1-800-964-6379 to obtain tender documents. Tenders received from any other source will be rejected.
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Other responsibilities and duties may be as assigned. A full job description may be obtained by contacting the Engineering Services Manager.

#### QUALIFICATIONS:

A Certified Engineering Technologist with a minimum ten years experience, with direct experience in field surveys, design and construction of municipal roads and bridges.

Ability to interact and communicate effectively with staff with in the organization, contractors, the Public and elected officials.

A working knowledge of Microsoft Office and AutoCAD (R14) is required.

Preference will be given to applicants with AutoCAD LDD (survey and design software), Total Station and G.I.S. experience.

#### COMPENSATION:

The position is unionized and subject to the current CUPE Agreement. The position is also subject to a 40 hour work week with an hourly pay rate of \$20.29 starting January 1, 2003.

Interested candidates are invited to submit a detailed resume and cover letter no later than **March 7, 2003** to:

Roy L. Haig, C.E.T.  
Engineering Services Manager  
P.O. Box 880,  
3 St. Germaine Street  
Minden, ON K0M 2K0  
Fax: (705) 286-4881  
E-mail: [rhaig@county.haliburton.on.ca](mailto:rhaig@county.haliburton.on.ca)



# Health and Financial Wellness Day 2003

**Linda Robitaille and Gayle Clements**

*Government Information Centre*

Mark Wednesday, February 26th, on your calendar and plan on attending a Health and Financial Wellness Day, to be held at the Haliburton Highlands Health Services Building, Minden Facility, from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. We encourage the subjects that interest you. Bring a brown bag lunch and we'll provide refreshments. Please call Linda or Gayle at 286-1521 to register. We have arranged for some great presenters to speak on matters such as:

- Feeling Good At Any Age
- Diabetes Awareness & Prevention
- Tax Tips, Canada Customs and Revenue Agency
- Mutual Funds, RRSPs and RIFs
- Savvy Soup Class
- Alzheimer's Disease: Not a Normal Part of Aging
- Introduction to Tai Chi

Watch for the day's agenda, which will be advertised in another edition of this paper.

#### Access to Rental Housing Tribunal Services

The provincial agency responsible for resolving disputes between landlords and tenants is increasing its accessibility by offering services through the Government Information Centres. Ontario Rental Housing Tribunal services are now available at the Minden centre. Tenants and landlords can collect and drop off applications related to tenant-landlord issues. If you have questions about residential tenancies you may contact the Ontario Rental Housing Tribunal at: 1-888-332-3234 or visit their web site at: [www.orht.gov.on.ca](http://www.orht.gov.on.ca).

#### Income Tax

A variety of guides and tax forms are now available at our office:

- RRSPs and Other Registered Plans for Retirement
- Capital Gains
- T3 Guide and Trust Return
- Preparing Returns for Deceased Persons
- General Information Concerning People with Disabilities
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Check out the Canada web site at [www.cra.gc.ca](http://www.cra.gc.ca) for lots of great information, forms and assistance.

#### Community Volunteer Income Tax Program

The Canada Customs and Revenue Agency offers free volunteer tax training sessions to individuals and community organizations and provides volunteers with a kit of handy reference material. If you have any experience in completing tax returns and you are interested in learning how you can help, please call Canada Customs and Revenue Agency at 1-800-959-8281 or contact Gayle or Linda.

#### Business

We have two new business publications in stock: "Small Business Guide to the Most Frequently Asked Tax Questions" and "Employer Health Tax: Guide for Employers". New "Business Start-Up Kits" have also arrived.

#### Where To Find Us

For those who don't already know, the Government Information Centre is located in Hwy 35, in Minden. We are housed in the same building as the Ministry of Natural Resources and Ontario Provincial Police. Our business hours are 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., Monday to Friday. You can reach us by calling 705-286-1521, ask for Linda or Gayle.

## Notices Notices Notices Notices



### THE MUNICIPALITY OF DYSART ET AL

#### Haliburton Highlands Museum Board Of Management Appointments

The Haliburton Highlands Museum has several vacancies for volunteer board members.

If you have an interest in serving on a committee whose mandate provides for the preservation and promotion of local heritage please provide a brief resume and/or statement indicating your interest.

Please submit to:

Thomas Ballantine  
Director  
Haliburton Highlands Museum  
P.O. Box 535  
Haliburton, Ontario  
K0M 1S0



### NOTICE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN on behalf of the Corporation of the County of Haliburton, that Application will be made to the Legislative Assembly of the Province of Ontario for special legislation stating that the *Homes for the Aged and rest Homes Act, R.S.O. 1990, c.H.13, as amended*, does not apply to the Corporation of the County of Haliburton.

This Application will be considered by the Standing Committee on Regulations and Private Bills. Any person who has an interest in the Application and who wishes to make submissions for or against the Application, to the Standing Committee on Regulations and Private Bills should notify, in writing, the Clerk of the Legislative Assembly, Legislative Building, Queen's Park, Toronto, Ontario, M7A 1A2.

DATED at the County of Haliburton this 3rd day of February, 2003.

THE CORPORATION OF THE COUNTY OF HALIBURTON

Per: Gary King  
Chief Administrative Officer



### MUNICIPALITY OF DYSART ET AL

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#### NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING PUBLIC MEETING COMMITTEE MUNICIPALITY OF DYSART ET AL

- DATE: Monday, March 3rd, 2003.
- TIME: 5:00 pm.
- LOCATION: Council Chambers, Municipal Office, Haliburton, Ontario.

#### APPLICATIONS:

1. Lands of Mighton, Good, LaRue, Smith and Smith
  - (i) Application to amend the Official Plan from the *Residential Areas* designation to the *Commercial Areas* designation.
  - (ii) Application to amend the Zoning By-law from the *Rural Residential (RR)* zone to the *Highway Commercial (CH)* zone.
    - Purpose and Effect: to permit the construction of a commercial retail building.
    - Location: Part Lots 13 and 14, Concessions 8 and 9, Dysart Township (Cty. Rd 121).
2. Lands of 978777 Ontario Inc. and 532283 Ontario Inc.
  - (ix) Application to amend Zoning By-law from the *Rural Residential (RR)* zone to the *Highway Commercial (CH)* zone.
    - Purpose and Effect: to permit the construction of an automobile repair shop.
    - Location: Part Lot 9, Concession 13, Dysart Township (Cty. Road 121 and Industrial Park Road)
3. Lands of Boice
  - (xii) Application to amend Zoning By-law from the *Rural Exception 4 (RU-4)* zone to the *Seasonal Residential (SR)* zone.
    - Purpose and Effect: to recognize the proposed seasonal residential use of the lands.
    - Location: Part Lot 30 and 31, Concession 10, Guilford Township (Redstone Lake – Boice Bradley Road)
    - This application is a condition of Application for Consent H-124/2002.

• ANY PERSON OR PUBLIC BODY may attend the Public Meeting and/or make written or verbal representations either in support of or in opposition to the proposed official plan amendment or the proposed by-law amendment.

• IF YOU WISH TO BE NOTIFIED of the adoption of the proposed official plan amendment you must make a written request to the Municipality of Dysart et al, P.O. Box 389, Haliburton, Ontario K0M 1S0.

• IF A PERSON OR PUBLIC BODY that files an appeal of a decision of the Municipality of Dysart et al in respect of either the proposed official plan amendment or the proposed zoning by-law amendment does not make oral submissions at a public meeting or make written submissions to the Municipality of Dysart et al before the proposed official plan amendment is adopted or the zoning by-law is adopted, the Ontario Municipal Board may dismiss all or part of the appeal.

• FURTHER INFORMATION: is available from the Planning Department at the Municipality Office during regular office hours (9:00 am to 5:00 pm, Monday to Friday) or by phoning 705-457-1740.

DATED this 5th day of February, 2003.

Patricia Martin, Township Planner



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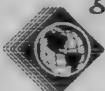
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# New Minden development benefits retirees

"Don't leave! Stay in Haliburton!" is the message being used to promote the new Highland Gate Community development in Minden.

Local realtors keep hearing of people who wish to reduce their workload and are looking for a retirement community. The retirees may wish to downsize their property or they may find that, if they own a waterfront property, there are the increasing taxes especially on waterfront property. In order to find a retirement type of accommodation, they had to move out of the area, leaving their friends, their activities, affiliations, familiar surroundings and facilities, behind. There are many examples of such moves to Bobcaygeon, Nottawasaga, Port Hope to name but a few - and the list goes on.

Highland Gate Community, is in Minden on land previously known as the Wright Farm, owned by Roy and Marjorie Windover and adjacent to the very successful Highland Gate Estate sub-division, overlooking the Gull River, and within walking distance to town.

While the new development will have many benefits for retirement living, families also enjoy this community with single homes available in future phases.

Ultimately the project is planned to consist of 199 units including town homes, single family homes, cluster home condominiums and apartments for those who might require some assistance in their living. The first phase of 26 units will include a model home to be constructed in the spring, plus town homes and single family homes.

The residences are designed so that all areas required for daily living are on one floor with all residences being serviced

by town water and sewers. They will be built by Mark and Don Wilson of MVW Construction from Lindsay - a company that built Heritage Acres, Walnut Grove, Victoria Park and Briarwood apartments in Lindsay. Other projects include the Extendicare Long Term Care Facility and Retirement Home in Lindsay and the Natural Resources Academic Wing at Sir Sandford Fleming College in Lindsay.

The residences vary from a modest one-bedroom cluster unit, to a large detached home complete with loft, basement and garage. All residences have a patio, full luxury kitchen laundry and storage. Added to this is the probability that there will be maintenance programs for the properties. All ownership will be freehold.

The property off Deep Bay Road overlooks Gull River affording the new residents of Highland Gate community an ideal location-about one block from the hospital and close to shopping, churches, banks, restaurants, golf and the Curling Ring/Community Centre. In addition, the community will have its own clubhouse (presently the Windover home) on a beautiful setting which will provide opportunities for residents of this project to meet for a variety of social events.

Prices start at \$125,000 and will feature brick exterior, sodded lots, the latest energy efficient furnace, energy efficient double glazed windows, rough-in for dishwasher, broadloom, and a gas fireplace in most units.

The project is being promoted by Coldwell Banker Wiley Real Estate in Minden with John Hincks, Associate Broker/Manager and Al Mayo as listing salespersons. "Although Coldwell

Banker is taking the lead role in promoting this project, we very much encourage all local realtors and other organizations to get behind this excellent project," states John Hincks. "This will be a huge benefit not only for those who become residents but also for Minden and all of Haliburton County."

"In our opinion, everything is there to make it a go; the need, the land, the services, the location, an excellent developer and contractor and the support" stated

Al Mayo recently.

Now that the public are becoming aware of the development, there have been a number of people who have already made reservations for their Highland Gate property.

The development will be promoted by Coldwell Banker Wiley Real Estate in local papers as well as in publications aimed at retirees and through its own website [www.highlandgate.ca](http://www.highlandgate.ca).



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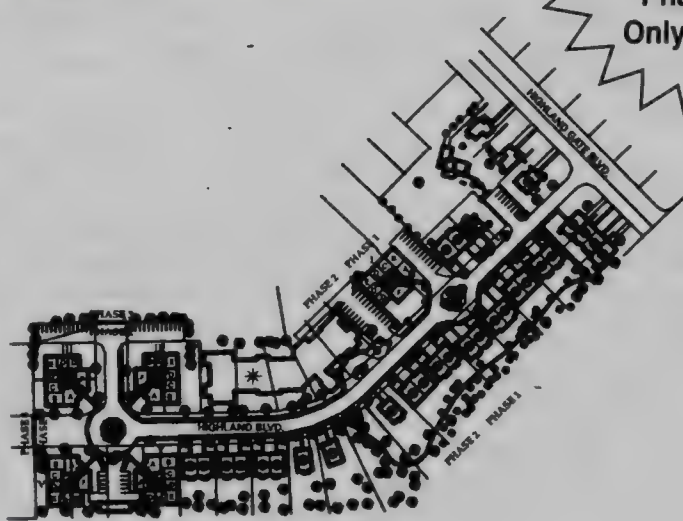
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"We have a variety of roles to fill," production consultant David Phillips said. "This is a great opportunity for experienced and aspiring actors to become involved in a live theatre production."

The Festival will be presenting two comedies this summer, *Cookin' With Gus*, directed by Donna Gagnon and *The Mumberley Inheritance* directed by Doug Brohm.

"The third production is a thought-provoking drama directed by David Phillips called *Painting Churches*," co-producer Betty Mills says. "All three productions offer interesting and challenging parts for those who enjoy being on stage."

The Festival also includes the traditional classical music concert featuring Lauren McInnes, Tom Regina and Melissa Stephens. The concert this year is entitled ARTS 9-1-1.

The audition packages for the three plays, which include general instructions as well as a monologue which the actors will present at the audition, are available at the Storeroom in Minden or Cranberry Cottage Country Store in Haliburton. Copies are also available electronically by e-mailing jack@kevker.com.

This will be the fourth season for the Festival at the Northern Lights Pavilion in Haliburton and follows on the heels of the successful six week run last year.

"We attracted an average of 77% attendance over our 29 performances last summer," co-producer Jack

Brezina says. "That was as good as the year before and is indicative of the continuing support the Festival receives from its patrons."

That support has spilled over to the coming season. Brezina reports that the sale of season passes during the Christmas period was well ahead of last year.

The Festival is also looking for individuals interested in assisting with production responsibilities prior to the

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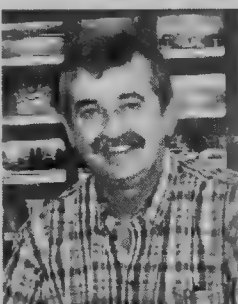
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# Wilberforce curling is alive and drawing

Men's curling teams from Bobcaygeon (2), Lakefield (2), Cannington (2), Haliburton (2), Lindsay and Peterborough played some very competitive games at the Wilberforce Curling Club on Saturday and Sunday, Feb. 8 and 9. This was the Zone 5 section of the Tim Horton's Colts annual OCA (Ontario Curling Association) competition. From this and fifteen other zones winning teams move on to Regional then Provincial finals. The Lakefield team of Eric Cooper, Lee Cooper, Eric Prevost and Jerry Starr won the "A" side here and go on to Regional finals in Beaverton later this month. Because of time restraints and number of games already planned on Sunday the "B" side winner will be decided at a special game. It will be either the Cannington team of Fred Lamb, Shawn Feir, Scott Brown and Dave Flynt or the Lindsay team of John Bolton, Jim Scot, David Nigh and Scott Hoar.

OCA officials Dave Cowan and Art Kavanaugh who supervised the games warmly thanked the Wilberforce Club people for their hospitality and efficiency in hosting this event. Fred Berning, ice maker, Club President Roberta Walsh, Gerde Goverde, food convenor and all the kitchen and bar workers are to be congratulated for their efforts in making this OCA event a success.

More curling news! The annual Firefighters' Bonspiel was held on Jan. 31 and Feb. 1, with ten teams participating. Winning first place was a Monmouth team of Dave Burton, George Waugh, Don Finlay and Mike Sebarth. In second place a club team of Stan Niles, Marlene Niles, Brian

Monahan and Tom Mason. The Haliburton Firefighters team was third and the Gary Stoughton team placed fourth. A good time was had by all in this bonspiel convened by Max Walsh. The Firefighters made a very generous donation from the bonspiel profits to the Curling Club.

Best wishes to Don Fleming's mom Hazel of Oshawa who recently celebrated her 90th birthday. Many happy returns.

Heritage week is being celebrated by the Wilberforce Heritage Guild with events at the Outpost Historic House. On Tues. Feb. 11 there will be a Court Whist card party beginning at 1:30 p.m. All welcome. It's easy and fun.

On Thursday Feb. 13 from 1 to 4 p.m. you are invited to "Bring An Ancestor or an Artifact". Bring a photo of a special ancestor or a small special object and tell us briefly about what you bring.

In the evening its Dominoes, Crokenole and other older board and card games. Refreshments too.

Happy Valentines Day to all and enjoy the various related events this weekend. Be sure to wave a flag this Saturday, February 15, which is the anniversary of the day we got our very own Canadian flag. Let's hope it won't be making any appearances in Iraq as a part of the Bush drive for war.

Coming event to put on your "supper out" calendar: Tuesday, March 4 is Shrove Tuesday, also a traditional Pancake Supper time. St. Margaret's Anglican Church is presenting it this year. It's at the Lloyd Watson Centre from 5 to 7 p.m.

## community news wilberforce

Hilda Clark

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## Song service added to the Maple Lake United Church

Sylvia Claridge a leader among leaders for BOLD group

Congratulations to Ruth Cooper proud grandmother of Amelia Poole born on Dec. 21, 2002 in Brampton to Jonathan and Janice Poole.

Bill and Jan Hlywka were recent weekenders at their home on Grass Lake.

Louise Cooper recently entertained three former high school cohorts of hers: Dave Stephenson, Steve Phillips and Irene Sikata.

Something new has been added to the Maple Lake United Church: a song service, held monthly in the evening at the request of the congregation. It's an opportunity for people to sing again the old-time favourites, beloved by so many.

The ever popular LIFT program saw 94 people present on Thursday evening

to hear June Devolin speak and enjoy the hilarious commentary of Jene Van Nood and Wendy Snelgrove as they presented the uses and possibilities of chocolate. The musical expertise of Zion United's Trivocals was also greatly appreciated.

Sylvia Claridge, of Grass Lake area is a youth leader at St. George's Anglican Church and recently was

Eleanor Cooper

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## community news west guilford

part of a team of leaders for the group known as BOLD (Being our Lord's Disciples). These young people enjoyed outdoor activities, religious instruction and drama of their own initiative at Parry Sound in the facility of the camp for the deaf. Leslie Cox also was part of the leadership team. All twelve of the group want to go again.

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- **C.H.A.C.E. Haliburton weekly events:** Wednesday afternoon, Moms and babies meet. Guest speaker scheduled monthly. Monday to Thursdays, singing, dancing, crafts and free play. Thursday 4-7 supper program. Everyone welcome call ahead to sign up. \$4.00 per family. For more information call Stephanie 457-2989.
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- **Haliburton County Home Support** has volunteers just waiting to give seniors 55+ or physically disabled adults a Security Check Phone Call. If you know of anyone who needs a phone call once a day, please call Judy at 457-2941.
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- **Climax Climbing Club** - every Tuesday evening at Camp Medeba in West Guilford. 6:30 - 8 p.m. for Parents and Children under 13 years, and 6:30 - 9:30 for teens and adults. Drop-in indoor rock climbing. For more information contact Greg Shantz at Family Services 457-5345.
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All creditors and others having claims against the Estate of PHILIP EDESEL BILLINGS, late, of the Township of Glamorgan, in the County of Haliburton, who died on or about the 3rd day of January, 2003, are required to file the particulars of such claim with the undersigned solicitor for the said Estate on or before the 18th day of February, 2003.

**AND TAKE NOTICE** that after the last date named, the assets of the said Estate will be distributed amongst the persons entitled hereto by the Executor/Administrator of the Estate, having regard only to the claims of which the solicitor below shall have notice. **DATED** at Haliburton, Ontario this 23rd day of January, 2003. RAYMOND G. SELBIE, Barrister, Solicitor, P.O. Box 186, Haliburton, Ontario K0M 1S0. CA

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## 440 THANK YOU

The family of the late **LLOYD BARNES** would like to thank everyone for all of their support; for phone calls and prayers, cards of comfort and donations in his memory. Thanks Rev. Dave Watson for bringing your personal remembrances to the Memorial Service. The luncheon provided by the Ladies Auxiliary and the great variety of music from Elsie Lewis was greatly appreciated. Thank you all.

**WE WOULD LIKE TO** express our deep gratitude and thanks to our family, friends and neighbours for their many kindnesses during the passing of our dear wife and mother, Bessie Godin. Donations of food, flowers, memorial donations, as well as expressions of sympathy helped ease a very difficult time. In particular, we appreciate Aunt Lenore and Uncle Bill Prentice (our Rocks) for their unflagging support. They have always been there for us. We thank Barry, Mike and Kirsten for walking us so gently through the necessary steps. **The Godin Family.**

## 450 IN MEMORIAM

**BOWEN, LLOYD** - In loving memory of a dear husband who passed away Feb. 9, 2002. A sadness still comes over me. Tears in silence often flow. Memory keeps you ever near me. Though you died one year ago. Dearly missed by **Mary, his wife of 60 years.**

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## 450 IN MEMORIAM

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How fortunate you were our father, Your inspiration and guidance will always be with us. You taught us right from wrong and how to enjoy every day to its fullest. You worked so hard to clothe and feed us.

Asking so very little in return. You always had that special answer, story or joke that always touched our hearts. We will truly miss you Dad. Thank you so much for all the wonderful memories. May God care for you as you did for us.

Again thanks. There are no words to say how much we miss you. Beatrice, Kenny, Annie, Mae, Jamie, Gordon his loving wife Marie and there families

**LITTLE, LEONARD** - In living memory of a dear son, brother, uncle and great uncle, who passed away February 14, 1996.

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**McNEIL, MERREIT** - In loving memory of Merreit Sr. Feb. 13/98 (Dad). It has been 5 years since you passed away. And we miss you dearly every day. To us it seems forever since we seen your smiling face. But we must go on daily with God's Amazing Grace. Missed and loved always **Ken, Reta, Joyce and Trisha.**

**RABY, IVA** - In loving memory of a dear mother and grandmother who passed away February 15, 1994. Sadly missed along life's way. Quietly remembered every day. No longer in our life to share. But in our hearts she's always there. Loved and remembered always by **Betty, Larry, Trevor and Virginia.**

## 460 OBITUARIES

**AT REST**  
**DAVID JOSEPH SKINNER**  
After a brief illness, Dave died at the Haliburton Hospital on February 6, 2003. At the age of 63.

Fondly remembered by his wife Marguerite, his daughter Leeann Robidoux (Wayne), his son Jeff Skinner (Debbie), his sisters Jo-Ann Black and Mary Jane Treleaven (Errol) and by his brother Russell Skinner (Doetje). Grandpa to Tyler, Jonathan, Cody, and Kyle; uncle to Jordan, Jason, Jeff, and Mark. Dave leaves behind many co-workers from UA Local 46, comrades from the Royal Canadian Legion Branch #636 Minden, plus numerous friends. The King of One-Liners, Dave will be best remembered for his sense of humour. He established the Skinner School of Darts and Traffic control, and was a founder of the Lochlin Winter Olympics. Dave will be sorely missed by many. Friends were invited to visit the family at the Gordon A. Monk Funeral Home Ltd., 127 Main St., Minden, Ontario, K0M 2K0 (1-888-588-5777) on Friday evening from 7-9 p.m. A combined Legion/Memorial Service has held in the Chapel on Saturday, February 8, 2003 at 11:00 a.m. Cremation has taken place. Memorial donations to the Royal Canadian Legion Branch #636 Building Fund would be greatly appreciated by the family. CA

## 460 OBITUARIES

**AT REST**  
**FRANK ANTHONY COLICCHIA**  
Passed away after a short illness at the Toronto General Hospital on Sunday, February 2, 2003. At the age of 42.

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**AT REST**  
**RONALD F. BOLENDER**  
Fell asleep in death with all his family at his bedside on Friday evening, February 7, 2003, after a short illness. At the age of 76.

Ron leaves behind his loving wife of 55 years Blanche (nee Nixon), his sons Larry, Guy, Michael and predeceased by his son Daryl; his daughters-in-law Deborah, Kim, and Lisa, his granddaughters Jaime and Kaitlin. He is survived by his sister Dorothy McPhaden and predeceased by his brother Harold Bolender. A Memorial Service will be held at the Kingdom Hall of Jehovah's Witnesses, Haliburton (Airport Road and Hwy. 121) on Saturday, February 15, 2003 at 2:00 p.m. Arrangements entrusted to the Gordon A. Monk Funeral Home Ltd., 127 Main St., Minden (286-2181). CA

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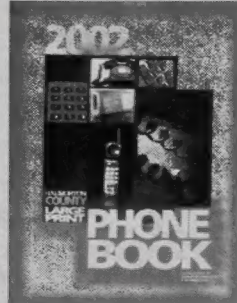
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Eagle Lake 4 bedroom, 3 levels. M.F. laundry, walk-out rec room. Bedroom skylights, lots of pine. Fantastic view- 2 driveways to access parking for 6+. \$129,900. Call Rosalind Bagg

**FIVE LAKE CHAIN**



Fully winterized 3 br, 2 bath Viceroy style cottage on fairly level lot within walking distance of village and all amenities. Includes FAE, 2 brick F/P's, full unfinished bsmt w/walkout & laundry facilities. Dug well. Perfect for retirement. \$154,000 Call Julie Gray



**HALIBURTON VILLAGE**

Immaculate 4 bdrm family home features oak eat-in kitchen, formal DR, 3 baths, lg rec room w/dry bar & w/o to patio & more. \$187,500. Call Ken Barry

**KASHAGAWIGAMOG LAKE**



1 1/2 storey, 2 bedroom home, cathedral ceilings, tastefully finished in pine. Living room fireplace, ceramic tile & carpet on floors. Guest cabin with 2 bedrooms, southern view. Very private. \$249,000. Call Ted Vasey



**EXTREME PRIVACY!**

Excellent place to get away from it all! 1000 sq ft 3 bedroom cottage with 85 ft of frontage on Trooper Lake, sand beach, dock and more! \$134,900 Call Linda Beachli & Peter Brady



**MISKWABI LAKE**

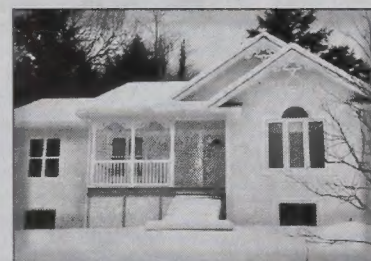
Sand beach, great view year round Viceroy, 4 bd & 3bath, full finished basement, lg deck & docks, garage, paved driveway. \$319,900. Call Linda Beachli & Peter Brady



**ESTATE WATERFRONT COTTAGE**

Located on Koshlong Lake with over 420' frontage. On a Canadian shield lot. West exposure, sand areas, cottage + bunkie! \$259,900. Call Vince Duchene

**KASHAGA DRIVE**



Newly constructed waterfront home on 5 lake chain. Level lot with 100 ft sandy beach. Wildlife abound in the 1.75 acre lot. Many upgrades and tastefully decorated. Master bedroom with ensuite. Call for appointment. \$439,000. Call Tom & Gail Tempest

**VACANT LOTS**

**VACANT LAND**

\$7,000 Choice of 5 backlots Salerno Lake Rd  
\$7,800 Hwy 503, level bldg lot, yr rnd, driveway in  
\$8,900 Good bldg lot Hwy 35  
\$10,900 Choice of 2 bldg lots on Cty Rd. 1  
\$13,600 3.6 ac, close to Soyers Lake, nicely treed  
\$15,000 Lakeview St. Level bldg lot, walk to town  
\$17,000 Nicely treed lot w/ROW to Miskwabi Lk  
\$19,000 1.56 ac. SE exp. overlooks haliburton  
\$21,000 Super bldg lot in Hal Subdivision, close to schools  
\$29,900 Hwy 118-8.1 ac. parcel w/driveway, close to Haliburton

Call Linda Baumgartner and Troy Austen

**SKI, SKI, SKI**

Lifetime membership to Sir Sams Ski Area, with a ski chalet lot. Close to municipal access to Basshaunt Lake, year round road. Ideal building lot.

**\$14,900**

Call Linda Beachli & Peter Brady

**VACANT LOTS**

**Bobcaygeon Road,**

1km north of Queen's Line. Many bldg sites, 10.3 acres \$14,900

**County Rd. #7, Redstone Lake Dam Road**

Bldg site cleared, road in, 5.5 acres \$19,900

**Bear Lake Road**

1km north of Glamor Lake Rd. Conc #10. Drilled well, septic, trailer - 8.2 acres \$49,700

Call Fred Chapple

**WALKERS LINE**

Level to sloping building lot. Ideal for full walkout basement. 180ft. frontage on year round township maintained road.

**\$11,500**

Call Fred Gardner

**10 ACRE LOT**

Near public access to Miskwabi Lake. Private road to property. Hydro and telephone available.

**\$18,000**

Call Lorri Roberts

**VACANT LOTS**

**RIVERFRONT PROPERTY**

Well treed property on the Irondale River, 1320 feet of nice riverfront, good fishing & swimming. Seller will hold mortgage with 1/2 down @5%, hydro & phone at the lot line.

**\$65,000**

Call Erwin Roithmeier

**NEW LISTING**

**PORTAGE LAKE**

Great opportunity. Acreage & waterfront. Over 70 acres and 700 feet of waterfront. Minutes from Haliburton on a yr rd road. Nicely treed hardwood bush, hydro & phone available.

**\$89,975**

Call Ken Barry

**FABULOUS OPPORTUNITY  
BIG REDSTONE LAKE**

Terrific building lot on Picadilly Bay, 180 ft of frontage with 1.3 acres lovely elevated northeast view.

**\$129,700**

Call Lorri Roberts

**REDSTONE LAKE**

**ESTATE PROPERTY**

Roam your own 19 acre estate property .600 ft sand and rock frontage on this pristine lake. Your retreat property offers gorgeous sunsets.

**\$199,000**

Call Norm Harrison  
Associate Broker

**COMMERCIAL**

**CARNARVON**



Storage unit business + 2 apartments in highly visible location at Hwy #35 and Hwy #118. Excellent books and low maintenance. Run business from home-let real estate work for you! \$799,000. Call Melanie Vigrass

**HWY 121 COMMERCIAL  
ONE OF A KIND!**

The only commercial waterfront vacant lot on Kashag chain. 450 ft of frontage and 2.29 acres. Great highway frontage.

**\$199,900**

Call Linda Beachli  
and Peter Brady

**LOCATION! LOCATION! LOCATION!**



Superb commercial property at the busiest corner in terms of traffic flow in Haliburton County! Corner of Hwy #35 and Hwy #121 in Minden. 4 rental units, comprehensive C-3 zoning. Just listed at \$299,000. Call Bill Kulas